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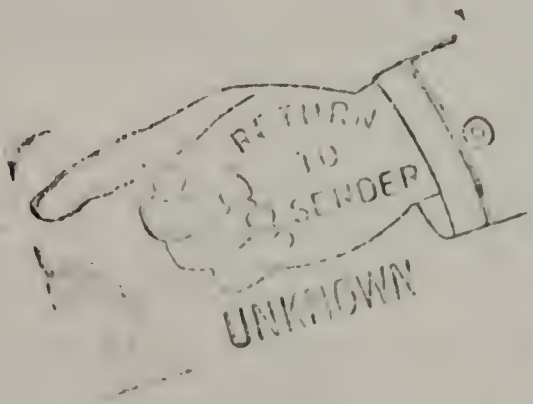
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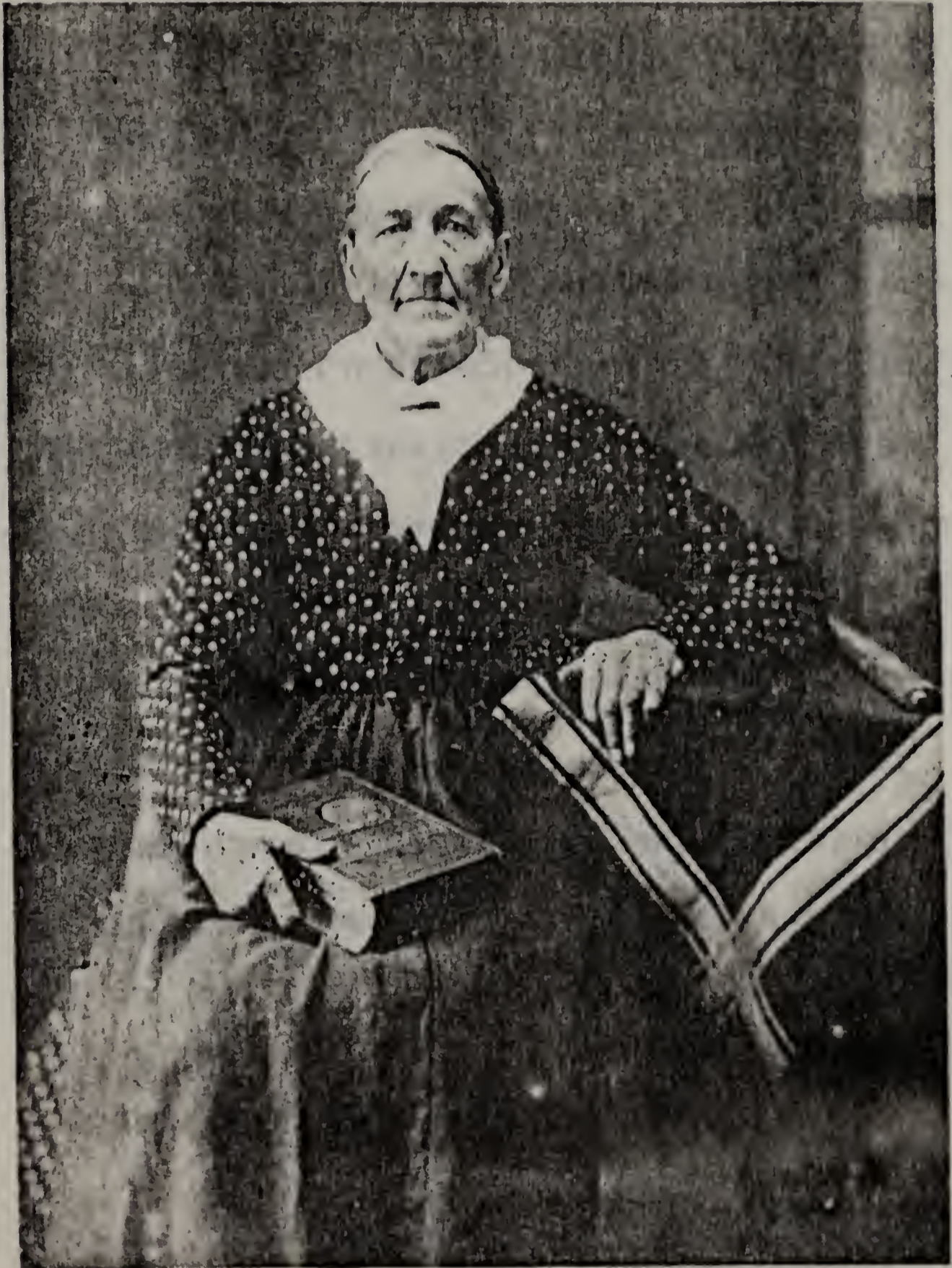
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## THE PREFACE

This History is a record of the births, marriages and deaths of more than 1000 Schaller relatives for over a period of 100 years. Each family will often refer to it for information on its genealogy, but this book is more than a genealogy. It gives highlights on these families as they move across the stage of life.

The Benedict Schaller II Reunion conceived the idea of a history, which would preserve the records of the past and the present for the future. The first meeting was held in 1919. At that meeting I was selected their historian. In 1920 a picture of the Reunion was taken which shows five of the Schallers present who came to America in 1851—Frederick, Alexander, August, Barbara Moser and Rosetta Isch. It appears that there was a meeting of the Reunion each year until 1943, when our nation became involved in World War II. Then there were no meetings of the Schallers until 1955 when we overflowed the Schaller Memorial Building. There was keen interest in the report of the Historian. In 1956 the Reunion voted unanimously to have published in book-form the material which the Historian and his Assistants had gathered.

I am not the author of this book. I am only the Historian and Editor. I give much credit to my faithful and able Assistant Historians whose names appear in the write-ups of their respective Families. It must be evident that we could not personally examine the family record of each relative, but that we had to depend upon verbal and written reports sent to us. Each Historian, therefore, thanks the many persons who helped us to gather this information.

This History was made possible through the cooperation of the Officers of the Schaller Reunion who became responsible for its costs. Their names appear as publishers.

As Historian I am greatly indebted to Ben Moser, who for years was postmaster at Diessbach and a friend of the Schallers. He searched the Archives at Diessbach and sent us interesting



items concerning the activities of the Schallers while they lived there.

I am also indebted to C. Lerch, Assistant Librarian in the Archives at Bern. Among other information, he sent us a drawing of the Coat of Arms of a Hans Schaller who was Mayor of Diessbach in 1815 and he assured us that we are entitled to use it.

Emil and Otto Hirzel were born in Switzerland and now live in the United States. They knew the Schallers in Diessbach. Emil is the Historian of the Hirzel Reunion and is well versed in the history of Switzerland. They contributed much to our knowledge of the early history of Diessbach.

Henry Schaller, youngest son of Benedict Schaller III, handed to me documents which his father and grandfather brought from Switzerland. These have proved very valuable in writing our History.

Many thanks to William Beisser, who for years was head of the Composing Department of the Evangelical Press at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for translating manuscripts from German into English gratis.

I would be most ungrateful if I did not recognize the faithful service of my wife, Amanda L. Schaller, in typing much of the manuscript and in her ability to ferret out errors in spelling and punctuation and in straightening out sentence structure.

To help the reader to see the relationship of generations to each other, we have used the Roman Numerals to indicate the fourth generation and the Arabic Numerals to mark the fifth generation.

As Dr. LeRoy Crummer has said, "Every man should study the past in order to understand the present and anticipate the future." So we send forth this History, praying to God that our more than 800 descendants may leave the world better for having lived in it.

GROVER L. SCHALLER

February 1, 1957  
Olds Hall  
Daytona Beach, Florida.





## INTRODUCTION OF THE HISTORIAN

The first family reunion of the descendants of Benedict Schaller II occurred during the summer of 1919. It was at this gathering that Grover L. Schaller was designated as Historian of the group. For him history has always been a favorite subject during high school, college and postgraduate days. So it was quite natural that his relatives should bestow such honor upon him. He has been serving in this capacity ever since, and a family history would not be complete without a foreword about the individual responsible for much of it.

When a young man, Grover L. Schaller decided to enter the Christian Ministry. Quite naturally his college training at North Central College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary was concerned with the requisites necessary for ordination into the profession of ministerial work. Several years followed, with him serving as pastor in churches of the Evangelical Faith in Elgin and Peoria, Illinois. Post-graduate work taken at McCormick Theological Seminary, Dickinson College and the University of Chicago prepared him more fully for the role he assumed for more than a quarter of a century as Associate Editor of the Evangelical Sunday School Literature. The General Conferences elected him to this position.

He was further honored in 1933 when the Evangelical Theological Seminary conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Many other honors have come to Dr. Schaller. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the General Board of Christian Education and of the Commission on Christian Social Action. For years he represented the Evangelical Church on the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. He also had the distinction of being a member of the Adult Committee of the International Council of Religious Education and for several years was a member of the Executive Committee of the Council. But the highest honor of all to him was the day the Lord called him to be a Minister of the Gospel in the Church of Christ.

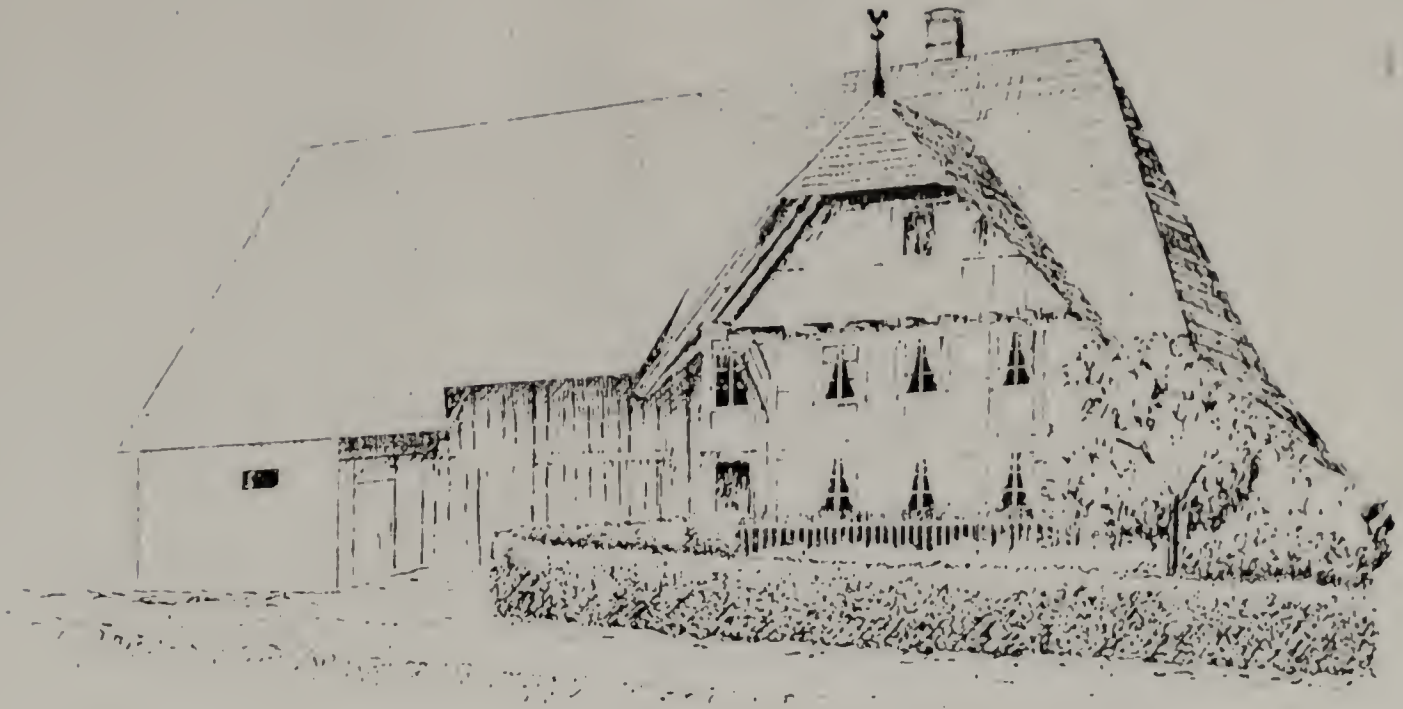


The life and training of Grover L. Schaller, Historian for Benedict Schaller II Family History, qualifies him well with a rich background for the work he has done with the family history. Tribute is paid to him as the motivating force and guiding "light" behind the scenes in coordinating and developing the project. He is the one person most responsible for the written history of the family. Descendants of this clan will forever be grateful and appreciative of his long, untiring efforts in gathering the data essential for writing the historical family narrative.

GLENN W. SCHALLER

February 8, 1957  
Toledo, Ohio





This typical farm homestead, located east of Diessbach, was built in 1825. Here Benedict II and Rosina Schaller began housekeeping in 1835. Benedict III and Frederick were born here.



House and Inn near Pieterlin, Switzerland, was occupied by the Schaller Family, 1841 - 1845. Here Louis and Barbara were born.





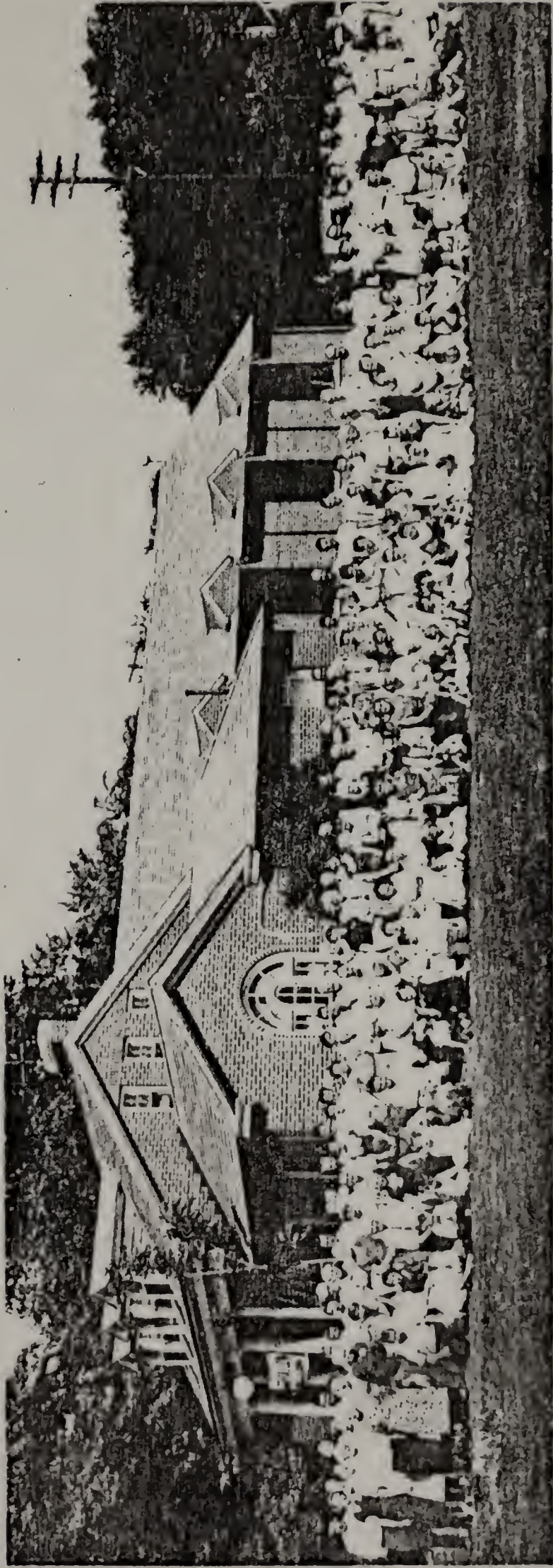
The Reformed Church at Diessbach as it appeared when the Schallers left Switzerland in 1851.



Four of the seven Schaller brothers who were born in Switzerland. Standing—Augustus, Stephen. Sitting—Alexander, Frederick.







#### THE 1956 SCHALLER REUNION

This Schaller Memorial Building is located at Perrysburg, Ohio. Frederick Schaller, veteran of three years of the Civil War, wanted to provide a meeting place "for all the soldiers, sailors and marines of Perrysburg" and Community, gave \$9000 toward its cost of \$20,000. Therefore it has been called the Schaller Memorial Building. To carry out his idea, he named John H. Schaller, Dr. Dwight R. Canfield, Maurice B. Cook and Frederick Yeager as trustees.



## CHAPTER I

# FROM DIESSBACH, SWITZERLAND TO PERRYSBURG, OHIO

GROVER L. SCHALLER\*

This book contains the history of the Benedict Schaller II and Rosina Haeni Family. The parents, also their seven sons and two daughters, were born in Diessbach, Switzerland and immigrated to the United States in 1851. The family traces its ancestral line back over a period of 198 years. The most distant ancestor is Hans Schaller who was born in Diessbach on March 11, 1759. It helps to pinpoint this date to recall that it occurred seventeen years before the Declaration of Independence of the United States was signed at Philadelphia.

Unfortunately we know little about this Hans Schaller. We know that he was a weaver of linen by occupation. On April 26, 1785 he married Anna Moy. They had a son whom they named Benedict. This son married Elizabeth Burgi on September 4, 1805. They called their son Benedict also. To avoid confusion, we will designate him Benedict II. This grandson of Hans Schaller, Benedict II, took as his bride Rosina Haeni. They became the parents of the family which is the subject of this history. All the parents and grandparents were born in or near Diessbach, Switzerland.

### The Homeland of the Schallers

Switzerland, the homeland of the Schallers, is located in central Europe, hemmed in by Germany, Austria, Italy and France. It contains 15,944 square miles and had a population of 4,343,000 in 1947. To think of Switzerland is to think of the Alps, with Mont Blanc, its highest point rising to 15,781 feet into the sky. It is said that one has not seen Switzerland until one has seen the Jungfrau and the Matterhorn. Switzerland is not only noted for the beauty of its scenery and the vigor

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\* Son of Frederick and Magdalena Schaller.



of its climate, but also for its delicious cheese, its famous watches, and its heavy industries. One of the chief industries is its tourist trade. The Swiss have been called "the most expert hotel keepers in the world." It is natural to find the German, French and Italian languages spoken, especially in those parts of Switzerland which border on Germany, France and Italy.

Switzerland has a Federal Republic form of government, fashioned after that of the United States, with legislative, judicial and executive departments. Like the United States, it is organized geographically into cantons or states, districts or counties and communities.

There are 25 cantons which are sovereign save as they have surrendered certain rights to the Federal Government. Each Canton has its legislative, judicial and executive powers. These Cantons are composed of 187 districts which resemble our counties. These districts are the real political subdivisions of the nation. Their task is chiefly to administer the laws passed by the Federal Government and the Cantons. These 187 districts are composed of 3,167 communities which resemble our townships. They care for local needs.

The new constitution of Switzerland was adopted in 1848 and revised in 1874. It guarantees democracy in government, full religious liberty and freedom of worship. It prohibits the establishment of a National Church and contends for the separation of church and state as in the United States. It was natural for the Schallers from Switzerland to feel at home in the United States.

### **Diessbach, the Homestead of the Schallers**

Diessbach is located in the District of Büren, in the western part of Canton Bern. It is situated about twelve miles north of Bern, the capital of the nation. The meaning of Diessbach is "the river" because of the stream that flows through the town. The district in which Diessbach is located came under the influence of the free city of Bern in 1315 after the destruction of the Castle of Strassburg, located near Diessbach which was under the control of Austria. Bern joined the Federation of Cantons in 1351, and for 450 years it guided the ever-expanding Federation. The Yeomen of the communities of Canton Bern were the backbone of its military forces, with Diessbach providing its share of the fighting men. Diessbach is named after the House of Diessbach, which was an influential family



in the government and military campaigns of Canton Bern. Nicholas of Diessbach was one of the noted generals during the Fifteenth Century in Switzerland.

The Swiss high plateau, on which Diessbach is located, has been a farming community for over 400 years. East of the village the heights, rising out of the valley, is called Schallenberg which might suggest some distant connection with the Schallers. Here are to be found traces of an old stone road over which Roman Legions passed to attack Germany. On this road is located a slight elevation called "the wart," where once stood a watchtower. It was at the wart that Hans Schaller founded the Schaller Homestead. It was natural that the Coat of Arms of Hans Schaller, who was mayor of Diessbach in 1815, should include a tower.

The inhabitants of Diessbach are of two classes—the Burgers and the non-Burgers. The Burgers are the descendants of the early settlers—those who helped to secure rights in property for the community through purchase of land, surrender of title by lords and sovereigns, and through military action. These rights became common property and are shared by their descendants. Among these early settlers are found the names of Schneider, Schaller, Studer, Moser, Haeni, Zing, Moy, Schmidt. This places the ancestors of Benedict Schaller II far back into the history of Diessbach. Even today the name Schaller is familiar in the surrounding communities.

Being descendants of these early Schallers explains the request of Benedict Schaller II for his share in the grazing lands and the value of his share of the woodland rights when he left for America. The writer was told by the Swiss Consul at Philadelphia that Switzerland has a dual citizenship, that the writer is a citizen of Switzerland as well as the United States, that he could claim certain rights in Diessbach if he should ever return.

In 1851 Diessbach numbered about 300 persons. It was a community of homes from which people went to till their small farms. Here was located a church, a schoolhouse, a general store, two taverns with accommodations for guests, a saw mill, a flour mill, an oil press to make linseed, butternut, bechnut and walnut oil. These mills were run by water power from the stream which flowed through the village. For three generations the oil press was run by Schallers—Rudolph I, Rudolph II and Rudolph III until World War I. From this family





doubtless came a Rudy Schaller who visited the Schallers at Perrysburg during the first part of the Twentieth Century and who later lived at Cleveland, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Penna.

Today Diessbach numbers about 700 persons. We learn that the above mills are still operating. In addition today there is a remodelled Reformed Church, a modern school building, a model dairy. In this building all the milk is processed into hard cheese and butter for the Farmers' Coop Store of the village.

### **Six Schallers by the Name of Hans**

Hans Schaller was a very popular name in Diessbach in the middle of the Eighteenth Century. Mr. C. Lerch, Assistant Librarian of the Archives in Bern, says the records show that there were six persons by the name of Hans Schaller born in Diessbach during a period of 36 years—1732, 1758, 1758, 1759, 1761, 1768. Our own Hans Schaller was the one born in 1759. Some future historian will seek to establish relationship between them. It would be interesting to learn why the run on this name. Was there some strong character called Hans Schaller who made this name so popular?

The same authority says that a Hans Schaller was Mayor of Diessbach in 1815. This Schaller had a Coat of Arms. It carries the initials of its owner "H. S." On the shield it portrays the figure of a lion, a quarter moon and a tower. The lion implies courage to stand up for right against the wrong. The quarter moon points to a growing moon which could suggest the increase of his clan. The Tower suggests the need of being alert. It also indicates the location of his Homestead on "the wart" where was once located a watchtower.

### **Who Was Benedict Schaller II?**

Benedict Schaller II was the youngest child of Benedict Schaller I and grandson of Hans Schaller. His older sister was named Anna Maria. His older brother was called Johannes. The records at Diessbach show that Anna Maria had two daughters, but there is no mention of children by Johannes. Although Benedict was the youngest of the family, yet the mother appointed him to be the administrator of the estate.

On October 24, 1835 Benedict II married Rosina Haeni, daughter of Samuel Haeni of Diessbach. It is reported that Benedict II enlisted in the foreign wars with the French Legion



and earned the rank of Captain, but he could not have served very long for he was back in Diessbach in 1835 when he married Rosina Haeni. He was 23 years of age; she was 21. Benedict not only displayed bravery by fighting for the French, but he showed considerable courage in asking for the hand of lovely Rosina. She was the daughter of Samuel Haeni, the Representative of Canton Bern for the District of Büren. Although their names were read off in church for several Sundays as was the custom, they were married at Langnau several miles north of Diessbach by the pastor there. It helps to understand this action when we read that Samuel Haeni opposed the marriage for sometime. It is evident that the arrival of the first babe healed the breach. The arms of a babe have held many families together.

In 1835 the young couple started housekeeping at Lohmat, just east of Diessbach on the road to "the wart," in the new house which was built in 1825. We have a print of this house. It appears that they moved in with Benedict's parents. Grandfather Hans was still living. Here the first two children were born,—Benedict III and Frederick. Did the noise of the boys get on the nerves of the older people for we read that Benedict II moved his family in 1839 to Laubnen, on the west side of Diessbach? Here John Sigmund (Simon) and Alexander were born.

### **To Pieterlen and Back to Diessbach**

After living several years in Laubnen, Benedict heard of an Inn for rent, located on the old road from Biel to Pieterlen north of Diessbach. With his family of four boys he moved to Pieterlen in 1841. We have a drawing of this combination of home and inn. We have recipes of drinks doubtless served here. Ludwig and Anna Barbara were born here. It was while at Pieterlen that Benedict II entertained the idea of moving his growing family to America. Recommendations as to the character of the family were issued by the community of Diessbach as early as March 5, 1842. They were to leave on the French Passenger S.S. St. Louis for America.

Why did Benedict II change his mind at this time about going to America? His father had died December 8, 1841. Although he was the youngest son, his mother had appointed him executor of the estate in 1839. The estate had been appraised on June 23, 1834, but it was not settled until 1847, three years after



the mother's death. Difficulty in settling the estate may have caused the change of date in leaving for America in 1842.

Evidently tourist trade did not flourish in Pieterlen. After four years, in 1845, we find the Benedict Schaller II family with six children back in Diessbach, occupying the house again in Laubnen on the west side of the village. We do not have a picture of this house for it was destroyed by fire, caused by children in 1862. In this house Stephen, August and Rosetta were born.

It is reported that Benedict owned several plots of land in different directions from the village, also a large orchard. Near the house there was a natural spring. Nearby there was an oak post with a brass band on which the name of Schaller was inscribed. In addition to farming, Benedict II did draying—hauling tea, coffee, sugar, wood and wine. He was also noted as a good judge of horses. He was often sent out into the country to buy horses for the French army and for others.

### **The Schallers and the Church**

The Protestant Reformation started in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his ninety-five thesis of protest on the door of the church at Wittenburg. The movement not only spread through Germany and France, but also in Switzerland. In fact, under the teaching of Ulrich Swingli at Zurich and John Calvin at Geneva, these two cities became centers of the Reformation. Like many other small communities in Switzerland, Diessbach had its Reformed Church. The church played an important role in the life of the community. Its members were the responsible leaders in governing the community and the State.

The pastor lived in close contact with the people. He solemnized marriages and baptized children within a few months after they were born. Baptism was made an event in the life of the family. On this occasion relatives and friends would gather. Printed expressions of good wishes for the child were provided by the church and signed by relatives and friends. These persons were appointed God-fathers or God-mothers by the family. Today we call them sponsors. They were pledged to be responsible for the future welfare of the child in case misfortune happened to the family.

Among the papers left by those who came from Switzerland, we find many of these baptismal certificates. We have three given by three persons at the baptism of Frederick Schaller.



We have the confirmation certificate of Benedict I, given when he was 16 years old. We have the marriage certificate of Benedict II.

From the standpoint of religious training, the Schaller family was started right. The picture of Rosina Schaller, sitting at a table with a large German Bible on her lap, made a profound impression upon this writer as a boy. It was said that she had read the whole Bible through several times. That picture was partly responsible for this writer becoming a Minister of the Gospel.

The disruption of church and community life by the family moving thousands of miles to a strange land, among people speaking a different language, caused a gradual break in the church relations of the Schallers. The families settled near Toledo, Ohio, some distance from each other and from the church. This, together with mud roads and limited means of travel caused most of the Schaller families to grow up outside of the church. The writer was 16 years old before he attended a Sunday-school class or heard a sermon.

Fortunately, as the third generation of Schallers grew up in America, practically every member found his way into the life of some church. For their own moral and spiritual welfare as well as for the stability of the nation and the peace of the world, may each succeeding generation of Schaller relatives make an ever larger place for faith in Christ and obedience to God in his personal and family life.

### Getting Ready to Leave for America

Having been appointed as executor of the estate of Benedict I on July 14, 1839 by his mother, Elizabeth nee Burgi, Benedict II completed his assignment in 1846. Now the parents and grandparents were dead. Anna Marie and Johannes were living. The following is the appraised value of the estate as of 1834. It gives us some idea of how the Schaller family had lived in Diessbach. Items listed and valued are in the report of the Executor of the estate of Benedict Schaller I as of June 23, 1834 are revealing:

	Crowns	Fracs
New Closet	37	5
Bureau	30	
Hardwood table, with three hardwood boards	15	
Bed with curtain and bedding	65	
Clock	4	





	Crowns	Francs
Bed with covers and bedding	60	
Three bronze candle sticks	3	
Closet	6	i
Trough	4	
Table	1	5
Bed with cover and bedding	40	
Two stools and a butter churn	2	5
Closet	14	
Two mattocks and four garden hoes	3	5
Iron pan-trough	3	
Two lengths of chains	2	
Seven chains	21	
Two plowshares and saw	5	
Two axes, hatchet and hammer	7	
Three iron basins	1	5
Two forging hammers and stick	3	
Two chisel irons and a hooking iron	1	3
Pot with axle grease	1	
Distilling retort with copper head, etc.	75	
Two brass pots, one large and one small	14	
Two iron pots	4	5
Two small kettles	3	5
Three iron pans	7	
Copper trowel and brass trowel	1	
Kitchen closet	2	
Large saw and hand saw	3	
Two small oil cans	3	5
Balance scale with copper scoops & iron wts	10	
Four wine barrels, bound in iron	14	
Rocker shaft	6	
Scythe	4	
Wagon with shaft and racks	55	
Grass vat and rake	8	
Plow	7	
Grinding stone	2	5
Pipe, sieve, tub	13	
Ten sacks	5	
Two yokes, one with harness	2	5
One horse cart	16	
Three scythes	3	
Three lean pigs	62	
Small carriage frame	6	
Five bedding outfits	35	
A sheep	8	
Grand total	701	8

In the fall of 1851 the family of Benedict Schaller II was ready to leave for America. To travel through several countries of Europe, across the Atlantic Ocean to a new and strange



land with a large family made a strong recommendation of its character very desirable. It was natural that some undesirable individuals should try to avoid the law at home by migrating to other countries. The Schallers would stand on their good character.

To assure officials and others of the sterling character of Benedict Schaller II, the City Council of Diessbach gave the family the following citation on May 22, 1851—

“That our citizen, Benedict Schaller, late Benedict’s son (with residence in the Laubnen at Diessbach) who with his family intends to immigrate to the United States of America, is known legally honorable, also as an honest and upright citizen in the best sense of the word: this is herewith officially certified by the undersigned officials, with best wishes for divine protection and blessing. This emigrant Schaller is heartily recommended to all who may entertain and receive him, and especially to the respective officials for the protection on his journey and also at the place where he may choose to domicile. This given in Diessbach, near Büren, Canton Berne, Switzerland May 22, 1851.” Certified by a Notary Public. This was signed by the president and the clerk of the Community Council and was attested by higher officials of the Canton and the Republic.

To travel thousands of miles with a family of seven boys and two girls required considerable money. The community owned a woodland and a meadow. As a citizen (Burgher) of Diessbach, Benedict had rights in the woodland and meadow. At a meeting of the Town Council on May 21, 1851 it was decided that his rights in the woodland should be sold at auction.

At a meeting of the Assembly of Citizens on October 7, 1851, Benedict asked the Community to take over his grazing rights in the meadowland and to reimburse him over a period of fourteen years. The minutes read, “After mature deliberation and discussion of the matter, and in view of the fact that the Community would in no wise suffer any loss, it was decided by a large majority that the request of Benedict Schaller be granted. Since the meeting had not been advertised in the legal newspapers, all citizens present (33) signed the resolution to give Benedict Schaller one hundred and eighty crowns.”

During the first part of October, Benedict Schaller II and family left Diessbach for the United States. Benedict II was



39 years old, Rosina his wife was 37. The ages of the seven boys and two girls were—Benedict III was 16, Frederick 14, John Sigmund (Simon) 12, Alexander 10, Lewis 9, Barbara 7, Stephen 5, Augustus 3, Rosetta was a baby of 5 months.

They travelled to Havre, France via Basle, Switzerland, Versailles and Paris. According to the passport issued at Havre which we possess, they boarded the American *Saratoga* and set sail on October 17, 1851 for New York. The *Saratoga* was a large sailboat. This was its maiden trip. It took 31 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

They proceeded from New York to Buffalo by railroad, and from Buffalo, N. Y. to Toledo, Ohio by boat. From Toledo they came to Maumee by canal. Friends here, who had been writing to them of the opportunities in the new world, were on hand to receive them and to accompany them to Perrysburg.

### **Making Their Way in America**

The Benedict Schallers II with their nine children spent the winter in the Henry Mandell Homestead at the Avenue and Glenwood Roads, east of Perrysburg. There were five children in the Mandell home, ranging from 6 months to 9 years of age. What hospitality for a family to undertake to feed, to shelter and to sleep an addition of eleven persons over several cold winter months! We have no evidence that the Mandells were from Switzerland. They surely loved their neighbors as they loved themselves.

In early spring the Schallers moved into a log house on the William Savory farm, located on the Hull Prairie and Five Point Roads, south of Perrysburg. It seems that they lived here from 1852-1858. We have an interesting note, written September 21, 1857 by Benedict II to his son Benedict III. "The undersigned is intending to buy a farm near to Perrysburg, which belongs to Miss Lovett of Albany, N. Y. If Mr. Schroeder, Notary Public of Albany, will help me to buy this farm, I promise to pay him for his work within a month after the deal is closed the sum of \$20.00." This Lovett farm on the River Road was bought by Benedict Schaller II in 1858 and it became the future homestead of the Schallers. This would indicate that the Schallers lived on the Savory farm from 1852-1858.

Bertha Schaller Britten says that Stephen, her father, declared that they attended the one-room Settlement School on



the Five Point Road, the same as his children later attended. This means that this school had an addition of 7 foreign children at once, none of whom could speak English.

While Benedict II was bargaining for the Lovett farm, he was also seeking a homestead elsewhere. During the summer of 1857 he sent his oldest son, Benedict III, into northern Wisconsin. The son staked out a claim, but what to do with it during the cold winter was a problem. In a letter dated September 21, 1857 the father urged the son to sell it if he could at a profit; otherwise to place it in charge of the Boardmaster until spring. He advised the son to come home before the "bay freezes over." Did this refer to Green Bay, the dairy section of Wisconsin? If the son was out of money, the father would meet the boat at Toledo, Ohio where the price of passage could be paid. Evidently the boat route would take him out of Lake Michigan, through Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair into Lake Erie to Toledo, Ohio.

### **The Schaller Homestead on the River Road**

On April 1, 1858 Benedict Schaller II bought a farm of 176 acres from the heirs of John J. Lovett of Albany, N. Y. It was located three miles west of Perrysburg, on the south shore of the Maumee River. It was River Tract No. 61, United States Reserve. The deed was signed by President Andrew Jackson. It was a strip of land bordered on the east by the Hull Prairie Road and extended to the river. It cost \$3000.00, about \$17.00 per acre. It was paid for in eight years.

At the time of the purchase of this farm, Benedict III was 23 years of age, Frederick 21, John Simon 18, Alexander 17, Lewis 16, Barbara 14, Stephen 12, August 10, and Rosetta 6. While living on this farm, the younger children attended the one-room school located at the corner of Hull Prairie and the River roads. From here Frederick, Simon and Lewis went to serve their country during the Civil War. Only 4 years after its purchase, Benedict II died on October 20, 1862 due to an accident while riding horseback as he returned home one evening from Perrysburg.

How much of a farm did the Benedict II Schallers operate on the River Road? The following list of personal property gives a partial answer to this question. This is a copy of the





items contained in the Bill of Sale which Rosina Schaller offered to the public on April 17, 1875:—

8 work horses	1 large straw cutter
2 three year old colts	1 pair bob-sleighs
1 stallion, coming five years old	1 fanning mill
1 two year old colt	1 platform scale
3 one year old colts	5 plows
9 milch cows	2 harrows
3 three year old steers	3 cultivators
2 three year heiffers	1 steel scraper
2 two year old steers	1 sawing machine
2 yearlings	2 sets double harness
48 sheep	1 set Bitting harness
2 breeding sows and pigs	2 saddles
8 stock hogs	1 patent hay rake
3 two-horse wagons	1 horse hay fork
1 buggy	1 lot of hay and straw
1 reaperd mower	2 large kettles
1 sulky hay rake	

The Schallers operated this farm for 21 years, from 1858-1879. Three years after the sale the heirs asked for a division of property. The following year the farm was divided into eight lots, each containing from 20-30 acres. Benedict II also owned an additional 40 acres to the 176 which doubtless went to Barbara for caring for Rosina, her mother in her last years.

Before the property was divided, Rosina signed over her dower to the children. For this each member of the family promised to pay her \$33.00 each year during her life time. In 1889 the children built a small house in the rear of the John Moser Homestead. Here Rosina lived until she died February 17, 1897 at the age of 82 years. She is buried at the side of her husband in Ft. Meigs Cemetery.

Benedict II was not a hyphenated citizen. He was not a German-American. He became a citizen as soon as the law permitted—five years after he arrived in America. Since all the sons and daughters were minors when the parents arrived in the United States, they automatically became citizens when they reached 21 years of age.

Benedict Schaller II proved himself a man of vision and of courage. He saw that his growing family would have greater opportunities for achieving the more abundant life in the new world. So he transported his large family over thousands of miles of land and water and established them on a 176 acre



farm. This farm was paid for within 14 years after his arrival in America.

Rosina Haeni Schaller played no small part in this accomplishment. The father provided the plans and the money, but the mother supplied the love, the patience and the energy to feed, to clothe and to manage a family of nine children, especially for those 31 days on the Atlantic. We salute the foresight, the determination, the patience, the faith of Benedict Schaller II and Rosina Haeni Schaller! We are proud of our ancestors! We resolve to be worthy descendants!

Children of Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller as listed in the records at Diessbach, Switzerland are as follows:—

Benedict III	Anna Barbara
Frederick	Stephen
John Sigmund (Simon)	August (Augustus)
Alexander	Rosetta
Ludwig (Lewis)	

### John Sigmund (Simon)

All the children of Benedict II were married and had families except John Simon. He was the third child of Benedict II and Rosina Schaller and was born July 23, 1839. Simon was 12 years old when the family arrived in America. His education was begun in the village school of Diessbach, Switzerland and continued in the Settlement School on the Five Point Road.

When the Schaller Homestead was purchased on the River Road in 1858, Simon was 19 years of age. Upon him and his younger brothers fell the major responsibility of farming the homestead. Both Benedict III and Frederick were 21 years of age or over. In May 1864, at the age of 25 years, Simon enlisted in Company F, 144 Regiment, Ohio National Guard. He was mustered out in August of the same year.

Since his father died in 1862, Simon now became the head of the family. His mother depended upon him. It appears that he and his mother were alone on the farm from 1872-1889. After a chronic illness of several years, he died on the Schaller Homestead on September 8, 1902 at the age of 63 years. He is buried in the Ft. Meigs Cemetery.

The Schallers were born of sturdy stock. At a time when the average span of life was less than fifty years, six out of the nine children who came to this country in 1851, lived to be



more than 75 years old. Three lived to be more than 80 years of age. Hans Schaller, who was born in 1759, set us a grand example; he lived to be 82 years old.

### **Grandchildren of Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller**

#### **Children of Benedict III and Elizabeth Schettley Schaller**

Mrs. Rose Tucker	William T. Schaller
Fred B. Schaller	Mrs. Emma Bostdorf
Mrs. Carrie Wise	Mrs. Ella Snyder
Mrs. Anna Spilker	Henry A. Schaller

#### **Children of Frederick and Magdalene Disher Schaller**

Mrs. Adaline E. Hertzfeldt	Albert O. Schaller
Frederick Schaller	Harry P. Schaller
Frank Schaller	Christopher J. Schaller
Mrs. Maggie M. Kraftchick	Mrs. Hulda E. Schneider
Mrs. Amelia S. Dysinger	Grover L. Schaller
Charley H. Schaller	Thomas O. Schaller

#### **Children of Alexander and Hulda Disher & Elizabeth Rothenbrokler Schaller**

Alexander W. Schaller	Jacob W. Schaller
Mrs. Clara B. Lusher	Mrs. Tillie S. Mandell
George Schaller	Mrs. Alma E. Kautz
Mrs. Annie M. Miller	Mrs. Mina R. Daughterman
Fred J. Schaller	Edward C. Schaller

#### **Children of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller**

Mrs. Mary Asmus	Clara Schaller
Lewis B. Schaller	Emma R. Schaller
Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	Edward A. Schaller
Samuel S. Schaller	Mrs. Anna D. Simpson
Ellen Schaller	Frank C. Schaller
Amelia Schaller	

#### **Children of Mrs. Barbara Schaller and John Moser**

Mrs. Anna R. Kazmaier	William H. Moser
George W. Moser	Mrs. Alta G. McClellan
John S. Moser, Jr.	Earnest H. Moser

#### **Children of Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller**

Mrs. Louisa V. Chappel	Mrs. Bertha M. Britten
Herman Schaller	Mrs. Cora A. Dunlap
Andrew Schaller	Elmer R. Schaller
Ernest Schaller	

#### **Children of August and Caroline Kohl Schaller**

Mrs. Alice M. Winter	Mrs. Jennie C. Teegardin
Albert A. Schaller	Mrs. Nellie E. Winter
John H. Schaller	Mrs. Rosa B. Wittes, Jr.

#### **Children of Mrs. Rosetta Schaller and John Isch**

Frederick J. Isch	Edwin S. Isch
Franklin L. Isch	



## CHAPTER I I

# THE BENEDICT III BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

GLENN W. SCHALLER\*

BENEDICT III, the oldest son of Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller was born at Lohmat, a meadow area of Diessbach in Switzerland, November 16, 1835. On December 16 of the same year he was baptized at Diessbach. The birth of this baby to the young parents must have been a joy fulfilled because the story is handed down to the present time that Rosina's father Samuel Haeni opposed her marriage to Benedict II.

The father of Benedict III had been thinking of coming to America for a number of years, and in October 1851 arrangements were completed for the voyage to United States to begin another life in a new country. Benedict III was almost sixteen years old when the family boarded the sailship *Saratoga*. At this age, and being the oldest of nine children, he must have been a source of much parental pride as he assumed tasks of responsibility during this difficult voyage.

Other brothers and sisters of Benedict's and their ages during this trip were: Frederick 14, John Simon 12, Alexander 10, Lewis 9, Barbara 7, Stephen 5, August 3, and Rosetta the baby of five months. To cross the Atlantic Ocean by water took thirty-one days. The family landed in New York and proceeded by train to Buffalo, from whence they came by boat to Toledo. Here they took a canal boat to Maumee where friends, who had emigrated to America earlier from Switzerland welcomed the newcomers.

Benedict III was not long in finding work in the new country. In fact he spent the next six years on the William Savory farm located on the Hull Prairie and Five Point roads. Benedict's father soon took up farming in America, and he was aided by his growing family. When Benedict was about twenty-four

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\* Son of Henry A. and Gertrude Schaller and grandson of Benedict Schaller III.





years old his father purchased a farm of 176 acres along the Maumee River three miles west of Perrysburg. For many years this was known as The Schaller Homestead. Here the oldest son worked hard, helping Benedict II establish and organize a new farm. They must have prospered in their endeavors because, while still at home, the younger Benedict was sent into Wisconsin to stake out a claim to land there. This must have occurred sometime in 1857 or 1858.

On March 25, 1861 Benedict III was united in marriage to Elizabeth Shettley. The Shettley family, by the way, came to United States from Switzerland two or three years after the Schallers arrived. William T. Schaller (son of Benedict III) tells of hearing his parents, especially his mother, talk about coming across the Atlantic and that her father died enroute and was buried at sea. With her mother, they came to Toledo where they lived for several years, later moving to Perrysburg where her mother contracted cholera and died in the now famous Black Epidemic. Elizabeth then went to work for a Dr. Peck, and it was while working here that she met Benedict while he was making a professional call. Romance ensued quite naturally.

Benedict and Elizabeth set up housekeeping on the Keeler farm, located along the Maumee River and resided here for about two years. This place was just a short distance west of Fort Meigs. It was while living here that Rose, the oldest child, was born in the winter of 1863. In about 1864 negotiations were completed for land of one-hundred-twenty acres just northeast of Roachton or about three miles southwest of Perrysburg. Practically all of this acreage was in woods and it was cleared by Benedict III with the aid of hired help. This farm has been known for many years as the Benedict Schaller III homestead. At present Emma Bostdorf, one of his daughters, is residing on the farm. This was also the birthplace for all the other seven children.

Prospering on his farm and with his family enlarging and providing more help, Benedict was casting about for additional land. In 1888 he acquired about 160 acres of timberland near Paulding, Ohio. This site was purchased for thirty-two hundred dollars. Benedict, with sons Fred and Will overseeing the work, cleared the land with hired help imported from Toledo. Today it is difficult to imagine, but a great part of Benedict's life was spent in laborious pioneer farming—clearing trees and stumps;



hauling, splitting, and burning stumps; plowing the soil for the first time; laying out fields, erecting fences, buildings and so on.

William T. Schaller again relates of an experience which must have given Benedict great satisfaction. This was a trip in 1889 with a hardware merchant of Maumee to the Paris Exposition in France. While there he went to the top of Eiffel Tower, which was especially constructed for the exposition of 1889 and considered as one of the engineering structural feats of the world then. Uncle Will relates that his Dad often talked about this sojourn and that the trip by boat from New York to Liverpool cost only twenty-five dollars for passage.

Benedict III spent the remainder of his life working hard, living as an upright, god-fearing man, and a progressive farmer. Along in December of 1908 he had complained of not feeling well for a few days. On the twenty-seventh, after eating a hearty meal, he arose and went to a chair a few feet away where a stroke of apoplexy enveloped him in death. He was a little past seventy-three years of age. Until this time he had been well and was in apparent good health. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Perrysburg, Ohio. Reverend W. W. Constine conducted the services and interment was made in Fort Meigs Cemetery.

Following the death of her beloved husband, Elizabeth spent the next several years on the homestead with Henry, the last child, assuming charge of the work on the farm and also looking after his mother. Elizabeth spent the last decade of her life among the various children until she died in the home of daughter, Carrie Wise on February 7, 1920. She had attained the age of 78 years. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Fort Meigs Cemetery.

The eight children of Benedict III Schaller and Elizabeth Shettley are: Rose, Fred B., Carrie, Anna, William T., Emma, Ella and Henry A.

### **The Rose Schaller-Tucker Family**

On January 11, 1863 the first blessed event graced the home of Benedict III and Elizabeth with the birth of their first child, a daughter, whom they named Rose. This baby was diligently reared through infancy to young girlhood. She was taught the fine art of homemaking by mother Elizabeth with some ele-



mentary schooling at the old Roachton School as time would permit in those days.

As adolescence and young womanhood developed, Rose was a great source of help to her mother in the rearing of a large family, which by 1884 with the birth of Henry, the youngest, had reached eight youngsters. About the time the farm was purchased near Paulding, Rose consented to the wishes of her father, and during the summer months, kept house for her two brothers Fred and Will as they farmed this acreage for their Dad. She did this for several summers.

It was while here that she met one of the men, Samuel Tucker, who had been hired to help the brothers clear the farm of wooded areas. An acquaintanceship developed into a cupid-escorted tour to the altar, culminating in marriage in the spring of 1893. For Rose this ended many years of housekeeping at home as well as away from home for other people, and permitted her to concentrate on her own home which now became a farm of sixty acres near Paulding. Here she spent the remaining years of her life. She died in August of 1931 and was buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery beside her parents. No children were born to this union.

### **The Fred B. Schaller Family**

Benedict III needed a son to carry on the name of the Schaller family and to help out on the newly acquired farm upon which he was now living. His heart must have swelled with tremendous fatherly pride on April 2, 1865 when a son, named Fred, was born on his Roachton farm.

Fred was raised in the rugged environment of these early farm days, learning to work hard and shoulder important responsibilities early in life. Schooling was brief for Fred because so much of his time was needed for the work on the farm. Formal education was not regarded so essential to life's pursuits then. It was Fred who was commandeered by his father to supervise the clearing and development of the new farm at Paulding after he had spent many earlier years helping Benedict to develop a fine farm at Roachton. Fred, with his younger brother William, apparently assumed this role well because the Paulding County farm began to produce for the family.

On June 1, 1897 Fred was joined in holy wedlock with Amy Walker of Hedges, Ohio. He was thirty-two years old, and his bride was but twenty when the event was solemnized. He had



met Amy Walker while he had spent time in the vicinity of Paulding. About the turn of the Twentieth Century real estate men interested Fred in farm land in Michigan where he eventually bought property outside of Adrian. While here their four children were born: Forrest, William F., Russel and May.

Fred was a prominent member of the order of Odd Fellows of Ohio. Later he became affiliated with the lodge in Adrian where he was an active member. He also was prominent in the Rome Grange.

It was in June 1915 that Fred was taken ill with appendicitis and was removed to the hospital where surgery was performed. He was apparently getting along well and was to be discharged on July 5, when his condition became much worse and he died. He was fifty years old. Fred's wife died in November 1939.

I. *Forrest Benedict* had the distinction of being the first born son to Fred and Amy Schaller. He was born on the farm near Broughton, Ohio in Paulding County. His early boyhood days were spent on the farm and going to a nearby rural school acquiring the basic, elementary fundamentals in education.

In the spring of 1913 another farm was purchased about four miles west of Adrian, Michigan by his father. It was here that Forrest moved with the family when he was about fifteen years old. And it was here that Forrest and his brothers had to assume the responsibility of supervising the farm for his mother upon the death of his father in 1915. He remained on the farm with his folks until about 1920. Then he went to work for the Ford Motor Company for about twenty years. For the next dozen years he was employed by the Perrysburg Tile Company. For the past three years he has been employed by the A & P Parts Corp. of Toledo as a watchman.

During the summer of 1926 Forrest married Elsie Converse. To this couple three children were born: Thelma, Benedict and Luella. During the last days of 1954 Forrest remarried, again, this time to Adeline Greenfield. They make their home in Toledo, Ohio.

Forrest suffered a heart attack during the late winter of 1956 which confined him to the hospital and his home for several months. Eventually he resumed working at his job as a watchman. On January 11, 1957, a cold, snowy winter day Forrest suffered a fatal heart attack while trying to start his automobile to go to work.





Two of Forrest's children married. Thelma was united with John E. Gardner and later with Richard Tucker. They have no children. Benedict E. took Donna Whitney to be his wife. They also have no children.

II. *William Foster*. During the spring of the first year of the twentieth century a second son was born to the family of Fred and Amy Schaller. They named him William Foster.

For the next dozen years he spent his days on the farm at Broughton, Ohio getting what schooling was possible from the rural schools of the state. Then the family moved to Michigan where a new farm had been purchased and the next few years were spent working on the farm. A short time after moving into Michigan William's father passed away so he and his brother Forrest were responsible for operating the farm for their mother.

William enrolled in Brown's Business School of Adrian and completed a business course. Then he took a position with the Hupmobile Motor Company as a bookkeeper for about a year until he enlisted in the army.

Will spent four years in the army, and saw much active fighting during some of the historic battles of World War I. He was a member of Company "B" of the 16th Infantry which was sent to Europe. He returned on the same ship with General Pershing.

Returning to civilian life, he became a teller with the National Bank of Adrian. He remained with the bank for many years until his health forced him to seek outdoor work. Since then he has been in the carpentering trade, serving as a foreman over several men working for him.

During the winter of 1926 Edna Mae Rininger and William Foster Schaller were united in marriage. They have two daughters,—Nora E., and Maggie Elene. Nora married Clair W. Losey and Maggie chose Richard D. Carmean as her husband. Neither couple have children.

The William Schallers reside on an eighty-five acre farm about two miles northwest of Adrian. This has been their home since they began housekeeping in the middle twenties.

III. *Russel Walter*. A third son was born to Fred and Amy Schaller on their Paulding County, Ohio farm in the summer of 1902. He was given the name of Russel Walter. He lived with his parents until he was a little more than twelve years old, at which time he began working away from home at various



kinds of odd jobs that a young boy could find and do. When he was about eighteen years old, he obtained a job as caretaker at the Vocational School for Girls in Adrian, Michigan.

A short time later he met Villa E. Day. When he was about twenty-two years old, they were married during the month of June. He returned with his bride to the home and lived there for the next few years, farming the place for his mother.

While living in Highland Park, Michigan, Russel was appointed to the police force of that city until an accident forced him to leave the corps. Moving to West Dearborn, Michigan he worked for the Ford Motor Company for seven years until illness forced his retirement. The last two years of his life he spent in the hospital. His death occurred on June 21, 1942 in the Henry Ford Hospital. Russel is buried in Northview Cemetery at the corner of Outer Drive and Cherry Hill roads.

Russel and Villa had five children—William F., Bettie Mae, Wanda, Russel Junior and Orville. William F. married Betty Lila Ott. They have five children—Linda Lee, Frank Frederick, Elizabeth Lila, Allen Robert and Charlene May.

Bettie Mae married Alfred J. Rose. Their children are Robert Lee, Charles Walter, Edward Whitney and Russel John. Wanda married Frank R. Jarnell. Their three children are Frank III, Rosemary, and Ronald. Orville married Gordenia Gibson. Their children are Orville Keith and Lyle Deanne.

IV. *Anna May*. The winter month of December 1906 brought the birth of an only daughter to Fred and Amy. They named her Anna May. During the late winter of the following year she acquired whooping cough. This disease eventually led to her death at the age of two. She is laid to rest in the Hedges Cemetery, about a mile and a half northeast of Broughton, Ohio. This writer located the grave and read the data on the tombstone during a visit to the cemetery in May, 1956.

### **The Caroline Schaller-Wise Family**

It was on July 28, 1867 that a third child was born to Benedict III and Elizabeth Schaller. She was Caroline, the second daughter in the family. By now the family unit numbered five, with Rose the older sister being four years old, and Fred, the only boy thus far, being a little over two years of age.

Carrie (as she was called) was reared in the thinking and philosophy of the hardy farm families of the post Civil War period. She lived amid hard work, learning early to assume a



rightful place in the family circle. She thus developed into a young woman sharing much of the family household responsibilities with her mother and older sister.

It was in March 1889, when almost twenty-two, that she was married to Peter Wise a young man of a farm family. They spent many years of their married life, living and working on their farm about six miles south of Perrysburg, just a short distance removed from the famous Dixie Highway. It was in the late twenties or very early thirties that Carrie and Pete retired from active farming by disposing of their farm real estate and acquired a home on Ridge Street in Bowling Green, Ohio just across the street from the campus of the university.

It was while living here that the writer, who was a student in Bowling Green State University, frequently dropped in to visit Aunt Carrie and Uncle Pete between classes or to change clothes before attending an evening performance on the campus.

It was in the summer of 1934 that Carrie's husband became ill and died. She continued to reside here until disposing of the property by sale to one of the college professors. Then she went to live with her two sons. Much of the last decade of her life she spent with Sister Anna on the latter's farm west of Dowling, Ohio. Caroline died in the fall of 1954, having attained the distinguished age of eighty-seven years.

Two children were born to them—Fred and Alvin.

I. *Fred R.* More than four years elapsed before a child was born to Carrie and Peter Wise. It was a son, and he was given the name of Fred R. He was raised on the Wise farm south of Perrysburg, where all of his boyhood and most of his youth was spent. Fred saw considerable service in World War I being overseas part of the time. Upon his return to civilian life, he engaged in the trucking business for a while before taking up farming.

In the spring of 1927 Fred married Alice Kirkendall. Fred and his family are presently making their home on their farm near Custar, Ohio.

Their children are—Norma, Doris, Ruth and Jerry K. Norma married Gaylord Wagner and their two children are Billy and Pamela. Doris married Howard Stroh. They too, have two children—Tom and Randy.

II. *Alvin H.* During the early winter of 1897, Alvin, a second son was born to Carrie and Peter Wise on the farm located



south of Perrysburg. Here his boyhood and youth were spent, and it was here that his interest in farming developed.

During the fall of 1923 Alvin was married to Mabel Debbie of Perrysburg. At the present time they are making their home on a farm near Whitehouse, Ohio.

They have four children—Marvin, Lucille, Willard and Paul. Lucille married Robert Ritenour. They reared two children, Brenda and Joe. Willard married Lois Howe and their two children are Linda Sue and Larry.

### **The Anna Schaller-Spilker Family**

Once again July was an important month to Benedict and Elizabeth as Anna, the fourth child and third daughter, was born on July 10, 1870. This occurred on the Benedict Schaller Homestead. Here she spent her days growing from infancy into childhood and acquiring the womanly arts and know-how so essential to successful homemaking. Apparently Elizabeth Schaller was a good preceptor because Anna later showed evidence of being a good student by becoming a fine homemaker in her own right. These practical arts accomplishments obviously did not escape the attention of a certain young man, named Benjamin F. Spilker. He fell in love with Anna and made her his wife during the spring of 1891.

Anna was witty, vivacious and a pleasant personality who took a great amount of pride and joy rearing her immediate family. She always followed with much keenness and interest the doings of her brothers and sisters as long as she lived. She had a host of friends and made acquaintances easily.

Following her marriage to Ben Spilker a home was made on a farm a short distance west of Dowling, Ohio. This land was farmed by Uncle Ben for many years until he died in the spring of 1944 after an illness of some time.

For twelve more years Anna continued to live on this farm looking after its care with son Orrell who did the actual farming after his father died. Much of this time she shared her home with her sister Carrie who was alone, too, as a result of the loss of her husband by death earlier. These last years must have had many moments of comforting quietude as the sisters shared them together. They must have shared many pleasant memories, too, of earlier times when they had lived on the old homestead. The thoughts of well raised families with grandchildren of their own must have provided both with immense





satisfaction. In failing health for several months, death finally came to Anna in February 1956. She had lived a wonderful eighty-five years.

Ben and Anna had five children. They were Orrell B., Jessie D., Harland Floyd, Carl and Nellie F.

I. *Orrell B.* A little more than two years following the marriage of Ben and Anna Spilker, the birth of a son occurred and he was named Orrell B. He was born on the farm of his parents which was located a short distance from Dowling, Ohio on the Reitz Road (formerly called the DeVerna Road). It was here that Orrell spent a large portion of his life, first helping his father farm the home place and later farming it for his dad and mother during the latter years of their lives.

Orrell acquired his schooling and religious training in Dowling and for many years was affiliated with the United Brethren Church of this community. Recently he changed his membership to the Grace Lutheran Church of this town.

It was in the summer of 1917 that Orrell formed a matrimonial partnership with Anna Sargent. Soon thereafter he purchased a farm a short distance east of his childhood home residence. Orrell and Anna still make this farm their home and reared four daughters and a son there.

To raise a family and educate them in days when farming was not the most lucrative sort of occupation was not easy. So Orrell worked at Willys Overland in Toledo and Peter Stamping Company in Perrysburg to supplement the farm income. Orrell is a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge and has been secretary for the Bellview Cemetery in Dowling for several years.

They named their five children Lucille, Neva, Violet, Robert and Faye. Lucille married Gordon Burkhart. Their only child is Patricia Ann. Neva married Clayton Snyder. Violet married Newton Simpson. Robert married Patricia Brubaker. These three couples have no children. Faye who is married to Willard Schwisow has one son, Allen Gene.

II. *Jessie.* A little baby sister was born when Orrell was a few weeks past three years old to Ben and Anna Spilker. She was christened Jessie and was reared on the farm of her parents on the Reitz Road. It was in Dowling that she acquired her education as well as her religious training in one of the local churches.

When Jessie was about twenty years of age, she married



Clarence Lehman in the winter of 1917. Following the marriage, they made their home on a farm on Route 105 a short distance west of Pemberville, Ohio.

For many years Jessie has been a devout member of the Presbyterian Church in Scotch Ridge. She is a loyal worker in the Missionary Society of the church. One of Jessie's chief interests in life has been that of being a good homemaker. All evidence indicates she has succeeded admirably in this respect.

To this union were born three children—Evelyn, Wilson, and Doris. Evelyn married Wilmer Garrett. They have three children named Richard W., James, and Susan Kay. Wilson took Alice Sheffer to be his bride. They named their four children—Wilson D., Patricia R., Terry A., and Cheryl L. Doris became the wife of Ronald Emmitt. Their three children are David R., Virginia L. and Daniel L.

III. *Harland Floyd*. In the spring of the year, beginning with the turn of the Twentieth Century, a second son was born to Ben and Anna Spilker. He was named Harland Floyd. He was known as "Floyd" to his legion of friends. Floyd received his education, both public and religious in Dowling, Ohio. He spent his boyhood and youth on the family farm on the Reitz Road.

Floyd possessed a flair for machinery and early exhibited a keen interest in mechanics. He left home at an early age and for several years worked in the northwestern Ohio area in construction work. From this work he was able to save enough money which enabled him to buy a truck. From this small start in trucking, he was finally able to enlarge the business to a place where he became the owner and operator of a large truck terminal in Toledo for a number of years prior to his death.

During the fall of the year when he was twenty-three years old, he married Eunice Dauer from Perrysburg. Death suddenly interrupted a vacation in Florida during March 1955.

Floyd and Eunice had four children—Lorabelle, Grace Anne, Elden and Rose Marie. Lorabelle who chose James Pauken to be her helpmate in life has three children named Christine, Patrick J., and James R. Eldon married Valerie Ustine. Their children are Liza Ann, Holly Sue and Tina Mae.

IV. *Carl*. Another son was added to the household of the Spilkers during the fall of 1903 with the birth of Carl. He was the third son born to the family. He attended school and church in Dowling as had his other brothers and one sister. His



boyhood and early youth days were spent on the farm helping his father.

Carl was mechanically minded and for several years operated the Spilker Garage and Tire Company in Perrysburg, Ohio. He sold out his interest and then joined his brother Floyd in truck business and garage work. He has continued this work to the present time. At this writing he is foreman of the service and maintenance division of the Norwalk Truck Lines, Toledo, Ohio.

Carl married Ada Sheldrick who lived south of Perrysburg. They made their home on Louisiana Avenue in Perrysburg. During the winter of 1945 Ada passed away.

Several years later Carl married again, this time to a Leona Ducat. Presently Carl's interest and time is divided between his job in the Norwalk Truck Line and his farm near Whitehouse, Ohio, which he recently acquired.

Carl has five children—Gerald (deceased), Ella Jean, Carol Lou and Darrell James. Nancy married Jack Varner. Their two children are Gerald C. and Debrah Sue.

*V. Nellie.* During the winter of 1911 the last child was to arrive in the Ben Spilker household. This time it was a girl, and she was named Nellie. She was born and reared on the farm, attended church and received her elementary education in Dowling School. Following this she enrolled in Bowling Green High School and was graduated from there in the early thirties. Next Nellie attended Tri-State Business School in Toledo where she completed business courses leading to secretarial and stenographic careers. For several years she was a secretary to her brother Floyd in his trucking business.

Nellie married Robert Nichols. Originally they made their home in Toledo, but later they acquired a restaurant business in Grand Rapids, Ohio and made their home in that community. Selling their business, they continue to reside outside of Grand Rapids. At the present time Nellie is a secretary for the Day, Swift Homes in Toledo, Ohio. They have no children.

### **The William T. Schaller Family**

The spring of 1873 brought glad tidings once again to the Benedict III Schaller family in the announcement of the birth of a second son, William T., on May 21. By this time the family was growing at the average rate of one new baby about every two years and the arrival of another boy to grow up on



the farm was well received in the household. His early years of boyhood were spent on the homestead place, helping his father with the work about the farm and picking up what education of a formal nature time would permit at the Roachton School.

At about the age of 16 his apprenticeship on the home place was at an end because his father was interested in sending him to Paulding County along with his brother Fred to help clear the recently acquired farm there of trees and stumps. Uncle Will relates that at this early age he must have been considered responsible enough, at least to be sent so many miles from the shelter of home, to assume the obligations of a job and to get it done. He tells how father Benedict promised him a brand new wagon and a team of horses if he would go to Paulding and work. How could a lad of 16 turn an offer of this kind down? He couldn't. So he went to Paulding and aided his brother in supervising and clearing the land, readying it for the march of farming progress which was to come.

It was while William was spending his summers and quite a bit of other time in this vicinity, that he made the acquaintance of a young lady by the name of Ruth Staley. Their mutual attraction for one another eventually led to marriage in March 1893. The young couple spent several years living in the area, then became interested seriously enough in land in Michigan to purchase a farm about seven miles northwest of Adrian. Uncle Will still lives on this property, and while he does not actively farm the land today, he does indulge in some sheep raising and supervising the farming of it by a renter.

Two girls, Fern and Dorothy were raised here. Both have lived in and around Adrian most of their lives. Ruth Staley Schaller died from cancer after a long illness in September 1951. A few years later daughter Dorothy passed away with the same disease in March 1955.

I. *Fern*. The first child born to William T. and Ruth Staley Schaller was a girl, named Fern, in the late fall during the first year of their marriage. This blessed event occurred on their farm near Broughton, Ohio.

While living in this area Fern attended elementary school at Haviland for a few years and then entered and was graduated from Broughton High School as valedictorian of the class of 1910. Following graduation from high school she took a teacher preparatory course which would qualify her to enter





the teaching field. After passing an examination given by the State Department of Education, Fern taught the three primary grades at her alma mater for a year.

Fern decided to retire from teaching and went to live with her parents, who by this time had moved to their newly purchased farm outside Adrian, Michigan. Here she remained until married to Frank Every in the fall of 1917. For a short time following the marriage, they resided on a farm west of Adrian. Then they moved to town where Fern's husband was employed in a knitting mill. In 1930 the company transferred to Dyersburg, Tennessee, and for the next decade the Everys lived in Tennessee and Alabama near their place of employment. In the early 1940's they returned to Adrian where they are now living.

One boy, named Frank Junior, was raised by the Everys. After he reached young manhood, Fern went to work for the Bancroft Cleaners as a bookkeeper. Here she has worked for the past twenty years.

Frank Jr. married Dorothy von Fumetti. Their children are Kurt and Brad. Fern and Frank Every are active in church and regularly attend the First Methodist Church of Adrian.

II. *Dorothy*. A second girl was born to Ruth and William T. Schaller during the fall of 1902 on a farm near Haviland, Ohio. She was given the name of Dorothy. She attended the Thurston School near Broughton, Ohio until she was about eleven years old. Then her parents moved to Adrian, Michigan where they had purchased a farm in 1912. Dorothy completed her elementary education in the rural schools of Michigan. She was graduated from Adrian High School in the spring of 1920.

Dorothy was immediately employed as a secretary in the Baldwin-Alexander Law Office of Adrian where she worked for about a year. She then enrolled in the Anthony Wayne Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana to pursue a business training course. Completing this, she was employed as the private secretary to the president of the Fireside Industries in Adrian for many years.

In the spring of 1930 Dorothy was united in marriage to Charles Conklin. Following the raising of her family she returned to the business world again, this time as a secretary for the Lenawee County Farm Bureau Company. She was employed by this organization until illness and later death from cancer forced her retirement from life's scene in the spring of 1955.



Dorothy had two children—Ann and Marilyn. Ann became the bride of Paul Bradley. Their daughter is Kathryn. Marilyn married Burton Phenicie. They have no children. Dorothy is laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery in the Irish Hills, Michigan.

### The Emma Schaller-Bostdorf Family

On February 11, 1876 the sixth child and fourth daughter was born to Benedict and Elizabeth Schaller at their home southwest of Perrysburg. She was named Emma. Here early girlhood years were spent at home assisting her parents with the many tasks demanded of growing farm children. As Emma developed into young womanhood, she became a real source of help by contributing immeasurably to the homemaking responsibilities confronting the family at home and away. Aunt Em (to this scribe) relates how her father sent her to Paulding to minister feminine attention with homemaking refinements to the crude, rough life of pioneer farming as it was being done by her brothers (Fred and William) there.

After reaching the age of twenty-five, Emma agreed to enter a matrimonial partnership with John Bostdorf in the fall of 1901. They began housekeeping on the Fred Broka farm, later moving to the Ridinger place and after being here awhile, they decided to buy forty acres on Five Point Road. Here they lived for the next four years or until a decision was reached to buy the Barnes' farm of one hundred twenty acres on the Roachton Road east of the Maumee river. It was related by Aunt Em that this was their home for the next dozen years. When Benedict III estate was being settled in the early twenties, John Bostdorf was the successful bidder for the homestead place.

Emma's husband, with health failing, died during the winter of 1951. Emma celebrated her 80th birthday last February and is presently living in the old house on the homestead, built many, many years ago by her father. To Emma and John were born: Ethel, Clayton, Viola and Luella.

I. *Ethel*. In the summer of 1909 a first child was born to Emma and John Bostdorf, almost eight years after they were married. This baby girl was named Ethel.

Ethel spent the growing girlhood years on her parents' farm, during which time she attended Perrysburg Elementary and High School. When she was slightly more than sixteen years of age, she married Hoyt Thompson who was originally from



Saluda, North Carolina. The Thompsons began housekeeping as caretakers for the G. A. France estate along the River Road about three miles west of Perrysburg, Ohio.

In 1949 Ethel was remarried to Louis Mendelson. Since 1935 she has worked as a cateress at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Toledo. Ethel is a member of Presbyterian Church of Maumee, Ohio. Her hobby is gardening. She is presently making her home in Perrysburg. Ethel has two children by her first marriage. They are Dale and Peggy Ann. Dale married Joanne Acker. They have no children. Peggy Ann married Robert Hetman. They named their children Lory Ann and Toby.

II. *Clayton*. The Christmas season of 1911 brought the birth of their only son, Clayton R., to John and Emma Bostdorf. He was born on their farm on the Roachton Road. He attended the elementary and high school in Perrysburg, graduating from the latter in the early thirties. While a student in Perrysburg High School, Dick as he is called, won considerable renown as a football player on the Yellow jacket teams of that day. Following graduation from high school he attended Toledo University.

Dick married Cora A. McCormick of Maumee, originally from Missouri, at the age of twenty-two. They began housekeeping in Perrysburg where they remained for about four years until they had completed the building of a home on the Benedict Schaller III Homestead on Fort Meigs Road. Here they presently reside while he is engaged in farming the homestead place as well as another nearby farm.

Three children were born to Dick and Cora. They are Beverly, John (Mac), and Kay Cora. Dick's family are members of the Presbyterian Church in Maumee.

III. *Viola*. Another daughter was born to the Bostdorfs in the spring of 1915. Viola arrived on April 15th. She spent her girlhood years on the farm which was located on the Roachton Road, helping her parents with the many feminine tasks so essential to housekeeping on a farm. Later she moved with her parents to the Benedict Schaller III Homestead on Fort Meigs Road. She attended Perrysburg Public Schools, graduating from the high school there in the early thirties.

At the age of twenty-three Viola married Kenneth Babcock from Swanton, Ohio. They began housekeeping at Braily, Ohio. They presently live on a farm at Braily and raise chickens as a sideline. He is employed as a foreman in a machine shop.



They have two children: Kenneth and Lynn.

IV. *Luella*. The last child to be born to John and Emma Bostdorf was a daughter in December, 1918. She was named Luella. Most of her girlhood and youth was spent on the farm on the Fort Meigs Road southwest of Perrysburg.

She attended Perrysburg Public Schools and graduated from Perrysburg High School in the mid-thirties. She married Francis (Bud) Cornelius at the age of twenty-one. He is employed as a clerk with the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. To this union were born Judy and John.

They are members of the St. Rose Catholic Church of Perrysburg. Bud and Luella presently make their home in this village along the Maumee River.

### The Ella Schaller-Snyder Family

Ella, the youngest daughter and seventh child, celebrated September 30, 1879 as her birthday. She was reared much as her older sisters while home. One difference might be noted though. Ella was able to attend school for longer and more concentrated periods of time. Older sisters still at home made this possible.

Upon finishing her formal education at nearby Roachton and the Perrysburg Public School, she entered the teaching profession and taught school for a number of years. She married Warren Snyder in 1903 at the age of twenty-four. The Snyders began homemaking in the Perrysburg area, later moving to Grabill, Indiana.

It was in Grabill, as the story is told by daughter Helen, that Ella arose early one morning, getting a large washing underway. She was also baking bread. She had herded the four children off to school while she was administering to the needs of a six month old baby. Yet Ella had not been feeling well. A short while after school had begun, the children were summoned home due to the death of Ella from a stroke. This was in January 1921. She died at the early age of forty-three years and is buried at the cemetery in Leo, Indiana.

Ella and Warren Snyder have five children: Clarence, Helen, Lloyd, (deceased) Myron Robert, and Warren Junior.

I. *Clarence*. A year after the marriage of Ella and Warren Snyder, this union was blessed with the birth of a baby boy, named Clarence, in Wood County near Haskins, Ohio. Clarence attended school in one of the nearby rural schools so typical of





educational plants in the early Twentieth Century. When he was about ten or eleven years of age, his father moved the family to a farm purchased near Leo, Indiana. Here he helped on the farm and went to school.

Later Clarence worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad shops in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the mid-twenties, the shops were moved to Columbus, Ohio and Clarence was transferred to that city. He is still employed there as a machinist. He has the unique distinction of being the first individual with the Pennsylvania Railroad there to work and repair Diesel engines.

Clarence married Lucille Shover in the early thirties and four children were born to them: Betty Lou, Paul Warren, Richard Clarence, and David William (deceased). Clarence and his family are active in the church, being members of and attending the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Columbus, Ohio.

II. *Helen*. Joy abounded through the household of Warren and Ella Snyder in the spring of 1908 when Helen was ushered into the family circle in their Wood County, Ohio farm home.

While still a small girl of six or seven years old, Helen accompanied her parents to their newly purchased farm near Leo, Indiana to begin life's sojourn in a new state and community. She attended the elementary and high school of Leo and was graduated from this school during the mid-twenties. Then ensued a short period of working in a general store before attending Marion College where a normal course was completed before entering the field of teaching. Her early teaching experience spanned the years from 1929 through 1934.

During the early 1940s Helen returned to teaching. She also completed studies at St. Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana for a bachelor of arts degree in education in 1954. It is interesting to note that Helen's daughter, Roselyn, was graduated from high school the same year. For the past twelve years Helen has been teaching in the primary grades in Woodburn School in Woodburn, Indiana.

In the early 1930s Helen was married to Elmer Stuckey of Woodburn. To this marriage was born one child, Roselyn. Their marriage was of a few years duration only since Elmer died during the spring of 1939. Helen and her daughter are both active in the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Woodburn.

III. *Lloyd*. A second son was born to the Snyders in the summer of 1910 while living on the farm in Wood County,



Ohio. When his parents moved to Indiana, he accompanied them and attended the schools in Leo, Indiana. He was graduated from the high school of this town during the late twenties. Following graduation from high school, he pursued his interest by working on a farm. In a short time he had charge of a farm.

Lloyd met an accidental death in the fall of 1932 from a gun in a hunting accident. He was twenty-two years old at the time. He was a clean and vigorous young man, well liked and enjoyed by all who knew him. Lloyd attended the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Grabill, Indiana. He was not married.

IV. *Myron Robert*, a third son, was born to Ella and Warren Snyder in the early winter of 1914 on their Wood County farm. When Myron was only a few months old, he was moved across the state line into Indiana where he grew up on his father's newly purchased farm. While living near Leo, Indiana, he attended the school in this town, graduating from Leo High School during the mid-thirties. While attending school, he also helped out on the farm and hauled milk. Later he worked at the carpenter trade, which he still does on a part-time basis as the farm work will permit.

At the present time Myron is living on and farming a 250 acre farm about eight miles south of Coldwater, Michigan. Myron married Fern Peters when he was twenty-five years old and to this marriage seven children have been born. They are Robert Lee, Janice Elaine, Lynda Luella, Edward Samuel, Sandra Sue, Thomas Edward, and Donald Ray. The family attends the Church of Christ in Coldwater, Michigan.

V. *Warren Jr.* The last child to be born to the Snyders, and the only one to be born outside of the state of Ohio, was Warren Jr. He was born in Allen County, near Leo, Indiana. Warren was a baby approximately six months old when his mother passed away. He grew up on the farm and helped his father in the work.

As time would permit, he worked some at the carpenter trade. He attended the school in Leo and was graduated from the high school there during the late thirties. Warren served in the Armed Forces of his country for a time. During 1945 and 1946 he was stationed in Germany with the European Theater Occupation troops. Following his discharge from service, he entered the Cone Electrical School in Chicago and completed an electrical course.

In a June wedding in the middle forties he was united in



marriage with Viola Hook. They have one daughter, Caryl Rae. At this writing Warren is now engaged in the operation of an implement store in Grabill, Indiana. The family attends the Missionary Church in Woodburn, Indiana.

### **The Henry Schaller Family**

The youngest and last child to be born to Benedict III and Elizabeth was Henry A. on August 22, 1884. He was literally the baby of the family and this can be readily verified when looking at his other brothers and sisters. Rose, for instance, was twenty-one years older and Fred was nineteen summers removed from the baby. By the time Henry was ready to enter school, all of the other brothers and sisters had left home except the two youngest girls: Emma and Ella. Father Benedict at the time of his birth was almost fifty years old, a stage in life at which time many men are thinking about retirement and not abetting the development of new life.

The early boyhood days of Henry were spent on the Roachton farm and at the nearby school getting a basic education. On the farm he acquired the basic rudiments of knowledge of this vocation under the tutorship of his father which would equip him to launch himself into farming as a career later in life. Dad (since he was the writer's father) often told about his days spent on the farm and an occasional trip by horse and buggy or wagon to the Paulding farm. From the days of early youth, Henry remained at home and aided his elderly parents, endeavoring to ease the laborious work of the farm from their shoulders a little in their latter years.

In 1907 a young school mar'm became associated with the Roachton School. Henry, a young man of about twenty-four, made the acquaintance of this lady teacher at one of the social functions held in the school. Friendship with Gertrude Zingg, the teacher, ripened into romance and in June 1910 she terminated one career and undertook another one as the wife of Henry.

The decade following Henry's marriage was spent on the Benedict Schaller's Homestead. Following the death of his mother and the ensuing settlement of the estate, Henry purchased the Charles Teegarten farm on the southeast edge of Haskins, Ohio and lived here until the early forties. Then he returned to the Perrysburg area on a farm southeast of the village about five miles. Henry had become administrator of

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the Paulding farm for the heirs on the death of Elizabeth, his mother, in 1920. He continued in this role until the property was disposed of by sale in the late thirties.

Gertrude Schaller, after several years of failing health, died in December 1938 while residing on the farm near Haskins. After an illness of about two weeks, Henry's life ebbed away as a result of a heart attack while being removed to a Toledo hospital in January 1951. He was sixty-six years old at the time of death.

Henry and Gertrude raised four children: Glenn W., Norman H., Ronald B., and Dwight H.

I. *Glenn William*. It was a hot September Labor Day in 1912 on the Benedict Schaller III Homestead at Roachton that the farm was teeming with the activities of threshing grain. Many of the neighborhood men with their teams and wagons were there to work. Several of the neighbor ladies were in the house to help prepare and serve meals to the men folk.

This was the setting as the first son of Henry and Gertrude Zingg Schaller made his entrance into the world. He was christened Glenn William. His early boyhood and youth were spent on the farm of his parents.

His early elementary education was acquired in the old Roachton School. When his parents moved to their farm at Haskins, Ohio, he continued elementary school there, eventually graduating from Haskins High School. Glenn enrolled in Bowling Green State University to prepare for a teaching career. Upon graduating with a bachelor of science degree in education, he began a professional career in Monclova Township School in 1934.

Later he taught in Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools, and after two years there, he was employed in the Oregon Local Schools as a varsity basketball coach and teacher in Clay High School near Toledo. At the present time he is principal of Clay Junior High School in this system.

Glenn served in the Armed Forces for a short time in 1943 until he received an honorable medical disability discharge from the army. Following World War II he returned to school for graduate work at the University of Michigan and earned a Master of Arts Degree in education from the Ann Arbor institution in 1949.

He married Ina Belle Younkin of Haskins, a former high school classmate. They have no children. At present they make

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their home in Toledo, Ohio. His wife is also a teacher. They are members of Zoar Lutheran Church of Perrysburg.

II. *Norman Henry*. It was during the month of April about two and half years later that a second son was born to the Henry Schaller family on the Roachton farm. He was named Norman Henry. His early boyhood and youth was also spent on the farm.

In fact Norman took such a liking and interest in farming that he decided to make it his career. Consequently he quit high school which he had been attending at Haskins to further this ambition. For several years he helped his father farm, finally striking out on his own. He continued to farm until about 1940 when he sold his farm equipment to enter other lines of work.

Because Norman always had a keen interest in mechanics and machinery, he went to work in the road construction business as an operator of heavy equipment. He is presently employed with the Lauanders Construction Company of Toledo.

Norman married Pauline Klinhann of North Baltimore, Ohio. To this union two daughters have been born. They are Carol Sue and Mary Jo. The family attends Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg as well as residing in this village.

III. *Ronald Benoit*. The spring of the year again brought Henry and Gertrude Schaller a third son during the month of March 1917. This baby boy was named Ronald Benoit. He was destined to spend his days of boyhood and youth being reared on the farm.

Ronald attended elementary school at Haskins, and then entered Perrysburg High School, later graduating from this high school. While attending school here, he stayed at the home of his maternal grandparents who resided a short distance south of the town.

Soon after graduating from high school, Ronald went to work for the Ohio Farm Bureau organization out of Maumee, Ohio as a millwright. He remained with this company for ten years when he went to work in the same capacity for the General Mills, Inc. of Rossford, Ohio. Here he remained until about a year ago when he started working for Libby-Owens-Ford Company in Rossford as a millwright. While being employed with the latter two organizations, he has taken an active part in the work of labor unions. He likewise has been active



in the affairs of Zoar Lutheran Church where he recently has served as a deacon in the church council.

Ronald was united in marriage with Betty Hassler of Toledo. They have two children: Linda Lou and Robert John. Ronald and his family reside about a mile and a half east of Perrysburg.

IV. *Dwight Herbert*. It was in the winter of 1930 that the last son was born to the Henry Schallers on their farm near Haskins, Ohio. He was named Dwight Herbert. He truly was the "baby" of the family since his oldest brother was about eighteen years old at this time. Practically all of Dwight's schooling was acquired in the Perrysburg Public Schools. He was graduated from the high school there in 1947. An interesting sidelight in the education of Dwight was that he was taught by his oldest brother Glenn, while a teacher in the Perrysburg Schools. Upon graduation from high school, Dwight worked for several months with Hanely Ford Motor Sales in the parts department of the organization. This company was located in Toledo.

Because Dwight was at the age when the youth of the country were required to serve time in the defense of the country, he enlisted in the United States Army. Later he was assigned to the occupation forces in Germany. He spent five years as a military policeman with the 62nd Highway Patrol Company in the European Theater. Altogether Dwight served almost eight years in the army.

It was while serving in the occupation troops in Germany that he met the girl, Ella Wallon, who later became his wife in the spring of 1954. They were married in Germany. She later emigrated to this country and they are now making their home in Perrysburg. Dwight is employed by Turner-Brooks, Inc. of Toledo. He is an active member of Zoar Lutheran Church of Perrysburg. They have no children.

*The Benedict Schaller III had 148 descendants and 65 in-laws.*



## THE HANS SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Hans Schaller b. March 11, 1759; m. April 26, 1785 to Anna Moy b. May 11, 1759; d. July 23, 1789; m. March 15, 1793 to Anna Maria Furrer b. May 15, 1757; d. March 6, 1830. Children: Benedict I, Anna.

## THE BENEDICT I BRANCH OF THE HANS SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Benedict I Schaller b. Sept. 4, 1785; d. Dec. 8, 1841; m. July 11, 1806 to Elizabeth Burgi b. July 5, 1789; d. Nov. 7, 1844. Children:

### The Anna Maria Schaller-Bandi Family Tree

Anna Maria b. June 21, 1808; m. May 15, 1849 to Nicholas Bandi. Children:

- I. Elizabeth b. May 1, 1850
- II. Anna Maria b. Feb. 27, 1835; d. in 1839

### The Johannes Schaller Family Tree

Johannes b. March 6, 1810; m. to Marie Schneider b. May 28, 1812

### The Benedict II Schaller Family Tree

Benedict II b. May 28, 1812; d. Oct. 24, 1862; m. Oct. 20, 1835 to Rosina Haeni b. Dec. 4, 1814; d. Feb. 17, 1897. Children: Benedict III, Frederick, Alexander, Lewis, Barbara, Stephen, Augustus, Rosetta

## THE ANNA BRANCH OF THE HANS SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Anna b. Oct. 13, 1795



## THE BENEDICT III BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Benedict Schaller III b. Nov. 16, 1835; d. Dec. 27, 1908; m. March 25, 1861 to Elizabeth Shettley b. Dec. 18, 1842; d. Feb. 7, 1920. Children: Rose, Fred B., Carrie, Anna, William T., Emma, Ella, Henry A.

### The Rose Schaller-Tucker Family Tree

Rose b. Jan. 11, 1863; d. Aug. 1931; m. April 1893 to Samuel Tucker b. Sept. 28, 1866; d. 1939

### The Fred B. Schaller Family Tree

Fred B. b. April 2, 1865; d. July 5, 1915; m. June 1, 1897 to Amy Walker. Children:

- I. Forrest Benedict b. Oct. 8, 1898; d. Jan. 11, 1957; m. Aug. 13, 1926 to Elsie Converse b. April 2, 1906; m. Dec. 31, 1954 to Adeline Greenfield b. March 10, 1895. Children:
  1. Thelma b. Feb. 9, 1928; m. Jan. 19, 1946 to John L. Gardner b. March 3, 1917; m. Dec. 1, 1950 to Richard Tucker b. Oct. 21, 1927
  2. Benedict E. b. Jan. 27, 1930; m. Jan. 29, 1955 to Donna Whitney b. Sept. 7, 1935
  3. Luella M. b. Feb. 10, 1933
- II. William Foster b. May 25, 1900; m. Feb. 24, 1926 to Edna Mae Rininger b. Dec. 31, 1905. Children:
  1. Nora E. b. March 15, 1931; m. Feb. 24, 1951 to Clair W. Losey b. Aug. 23, 1923
  2. Maggie Elene b. Dec. 23, 1934; m. Dec. 31, 1954 to Richard D. Carmean b. Dec. 23, 1935
- III. Russel Walter b. Aug. 17, 1901; d. June 21, 1942; m. June 26, 1923 to Villa Day b. Jan. 27, 1905. Children:
  1. William F. b. May 30, 1924; m. June 15, 1945 to Betty Lila Ott b. Aug. 14, 1927. Children: Linda Lee b. March 10, 1946; Frank Frederick b. Dec. 5, 1947; Elizabeth Lila b. June 26, 1951; Allen Robert b. Aug. 8, 1953; Charlene May b. Aug. 18, 1954
  2. Bettie Mae b. Feb. 8, 1926; m. June 12, 1944 to Alfred





J. Rose b. Aug. 25, 1922. Children: Robert Lee b. March 5, 1946; Charles Walter b. Oct. 11, 1947; Edward Whitney b. July 7, 1949; Russel John b. Oct. 12, 1955

3. Wanda b. Sept. 9, 1930; m. Aug. 2, 1946 to Frank Jarnell b. Sept. 25, 1920. Children: Frank III b. May 22, 1947; Rosemary b. June 7, 1950; Ronald b. Oct. 6, 1951

4. Russel Junior b. Nov. 13, 1934

5. Orville b. March 28, 1938; m. Aug. 7, 1954 to Gordenia Gibson. Children: Orville Kieth b. Feb. 23, 1955; Lyle Deanne b. Jan. 21, 1956

IV. Anna May b. Dec. 14, 1906; d. March 10, 1908

### **The Carrie Schaller-Wise Family Tree**

Carrie b. July 28, 1867; d. Oct. 9, 1954; m. March 16, 1889 to Peter Wise b. June 18, 1861; d. Aug. 14, 1934. Children:

I. Fred R. b. Oct. 12, 1893; m. April 21, 1927 to Alice Kirkendall b. July 11, 1905. Children:

1. Norma b. Dec. 3, 1928; m. Nov. 29, 1948 to Gaylord Wagner b. June 6, 1926. Children: Billy b. March 19, 1950; Pamela b. March 30, 1954

2. Doris b. March 28, 1930; m. Sept. 2, 1952 to Howard Stroh b. June 6, 1932. Children: Tom b. Feb. 12, 1953; Randy b. Feb. 18, 1956

3. Ruth b. Sept. 19, 1934

4. Jerry K. b. Dec. 6, 1938

II. Alvin H. b. Dec. 15, 1897; m. Nov. 8, 1923 to Mabel Debbe b. Jan. 17, 1905. Children:

1. Marvin b. April 3, 1925

2. Lucille b. Oct. 30, 1926; m. March 26, 1949 to Robert Ritenour b. Feb. 23, 1922. Children: Brenda b. Oct. 26, 1949; Joe b. Jan. 4, 1951

3. Willard b. Dec. 18, 1929; m. Feb. 10, 1951 to Lois Howe b. May 7, 1930. Children: Linda Sue b. Aug. 2, 1952; Larry b. April 4, 1954

4. Paul b. Jan. 3, 1936

### **The Anna Schaller-Spilker Family Tree**

Anna b. July 10, 1870; d. Feb. 23, 1956; m. April 16, 1891 to Benjamin F. Spilker b. Oct. 28, 1866; d. May 4, 1944. Children:



- I. Orrell B. b. Aug. 6, 1893; m. July 6, 1917 to Anna Sargent b. Oct. 18, 1893. Children:
  1. Lucille b. Sept. 14, 1918; m. June 29, 1940 to Gordon Burkhart b. Nov. 16, 1915. Child: Patricia Ann b. Nov. 29, 1941
  2. Neva b. Dec. 18, 1921; m. Aug. 2, 1951 to Clayton Snyder b. May 5, 1918
  3. Violet b. May 7, 1924; m. July 2, 1947 to Newton Simpson b. Feb. 27, 1924
  4. Robert b. Sept. 12, 1926; m. Aug. 21, 1948 to Patricia Brubaker b. May 14, 1930
  5. Faye b. June 23, 1929; m. Dec. 27, 1952 to Willard Schwisow b. May 20, 1927. Child: Allen Gene b. Sept. 30, 1953
  
- II. Jessie D. b. Dec. 17, 1896; m. Feb. 28, 1917 to Clarence Lahman b. Oct. 1, 1893. Children:
  1. Evelyn b. March 17, 1918; m. Nov. 29, 1946 to Wilmer Garrett b. April 17, 1919. Children: Richard W. b. Nov. 6, 1947; James b. Feb. 11, 1950; Susan K. b. Nov. 25, 1953
  2. Wilson b. May 23, 1920; m. June 28, 1947 to Alice Sheffer b. Aug. 7, 1927. Children: Wilson D. b. Feb. 22, 1948; Patricia R. b. July 31, 1950; Terry A. b. March 11, 1954; Cheryl b. Oct. 16, 1955
  3. Doris b. Aug. 26, 1922; m. April 15, 1944 to Ronald Emmitt b. Oct. 4, 1922. Children: David R. b. Jan. 9, 1946; Virginia L. b. Feb. 26, 1949; Daniel L. b. Feb. 12, 1951
  
- III. Harland Floyd b. April 13, 1900; d. March 8, 1955; m. Sept. 27, 1923 to Eunice Dauer b. May 23, 1901. Children:
  1. Lorabelle b. March. 13, 1926; m. Oct. 12, 1949 to James Pauken b. April 8, 1927. Children: Christine b. Feb. 18, 1951; Patrick J. b. Nov. 15, 1952; James R. b. Dec. 23, 1953
  2. Grace Anne b. Jan. 24, 1932
  3. Eldon b. April 22, 1929; m. Sept. 23, 1950 to Valerie Ustine b. March 10, 1931. Children: Liza Ann b. Aug. 16, 1952; Holly Sue b. Dec. 24, 1953; Tina Mae b. June 12, 1955
  4. Rose Marie b. Dec. 7, 1940



- IV. Carl b. Sept. 15, 1903; m. Sept. 15, 1926 to Ada Sheldrick b. April 6, 1908; d. Jan. 23, 1945; m. Oct. 21, 1950 to Leona Ducat b. April 5, 1902. Children:
1. Gerald b. April 6, 1929; d. Jan. 27, 1935
  2. Nancy b. May 25, 1932; m. June 15, 1953 to Jack Varner b. Aug. 16, 1934. Children: Gerald C. b. Dec. 2, 1953; Debrah Sue b. Oct. 1, 1955
  3. Ella Jean b. March 21, 1936
  4. Carol Lou b. July 6, 1937
  5. Darrell James b. Dec. 21, 1940
- V. Nellie F. b. Jan. 27, 1911; m. Aug. 30, 1941 to Robert Nichols b. April 1, 1904

#### The William Schaller Family Tree

- William b. May 21, 1873; m. March 21, 1898 to Ruth Staley b. June 14, 1875; d. Sept. 17, 1951. Children:
- I. Fern b. Nov. 23, 1894; m. Oct. 11, 1917 to Frank Every b. Oct. 3, 1888. Child:
    1. Frank, Jr. b. Feb. 3, 1924; m. July 26, 1947 to Dorothy von Fumetti b. Sept. 19, 1922. Children: Kurt b. Oct. 17, 1949; Brad b. Oct. 11, 1951
  - II. Dorothy b. Oct. 6, 1902; d. March 11, 1955; m. May 24, 1930 to Charles Conklin b. Nov. 21, 1897. Children:
    1. Ann b. Sept. 29, 1932; m. Nov. 5, 1954 to Paul Bradley b. Nov. 26, 1930. Child: Kathryn b. Sept. 1955
    2. Marilyn b. Nov. 17, 1936; m. Nov. 6, 1955 to Burton Phenicie b. April 11, 1936

#### The Emma Schaller-Bostdorf Family Tree

- Emma b. Feb. 11, 1876; m. Oct. 23, 1901 to John Bostdorf b. Nov. 11, 1874; d. Jan. 7, 1951. Children:
- I. Ethel b. July 23, 1909; m. April 7, 1926 to Hoyt Thompson b. Jan. 3, 1909; m. May 31, 1949 to Louis Mendelson b. Sept. 6, 1902. Children:
    1. Dale b. Sept. 18, 1927; m. Oct. 8, 1950 to Joanne Acker b. May 16, 1929
    2. Peggy Ann b. April 12, 1930; m. Aug. 21, 1948 to Robert Hetman b. Feb. 24, 1929. Children: Lory Ann b. Jan. 30, 1951; Toby b. May 21, 1954
  - II. Clayton R. b. Dec. 24, 1911; m. Jan. 2, 1934 to Cora McCormick b. Nov. 26, 1911. Children:



1. Beverly Sue b. July 20, 1935
  2. John McCormick b. June 9, 1939
  3. Kay Cora b. June 6, 1944
- III. Viola b. April 15, 1915; m. Feb. 15, 1939 to Kenneth Babcock b. March 22, 1910. Children:
1. Kenneth, Jr. b. Aug. 15, 1939
  2. Lynn b. Sept. 18, 1948
- IV. Luella b. Dec. 6, 1918; m. March 11, 1940 to Francis Cornelius b. May 27, 1915. Children:
1. Judy b. April 12, 1943
  2. John b. Aug. 19, 1947

#### **The Ella Schaller-Snyder Family Tree**

- Ella b. Sept. 30, 1879; d. Jan. 18, 1921; m. Dec. 4, 1903 to Warren Snyder b. Oct. 12, 1875. Children:
- I. Clarence b. Dec. 19, 1904; m. Dec. 25, 1933 to Lucille Shover b. Dec. 19, 1908. Children:
    1. Betty Lou b. March 31, 1935
    2. Paul Warren b. Sept. 21, 1936
    3. Richard Clarence b. May 2, 1941
    4. David William b. Feb. 8, 1944; d. Sept. 4, 1944
  - II. Helen b. May 8, 1908; m. June 30, 1932 to Elmer Stucky b. Feb. 14, 1888; d. March 13, 1939. Child:
    1. Roselyn b. Sept. 23, 1936
  - III. Lloyd b. July 17, 1910; d. Nov. 4, 1932
  - IV. M. Robert b. Nov. 17, 1913; m. March 9, 1938 to Mary Fern Peters b. Nov. 2, 1917. Children:
    1. Robert Lee b. Sept. 10, 1938
    2. Janice Elaine b. Nov. 6, 1940
    3. Lynda Luella b. June 1, 1942
    4. Edward Samuel b. Nov. 14, 1944
    5. Sandra Sue b. June 27, 1946
    6. Thomas Edward b. Nov. 18, 1947
    7. Donald Ray b. Nov. 12, 1951
  - V. Warren Jr. b. June 24, 1920; m. June 20, 1946 to Viola Hook b. Aug. 14, 1922. Child:
    1. Caryl b. Jan. 14, 1950

#### **The Henry Schaller Family Tree**

- Henry b. Aug. 22, 1884; d. Jan. 21, 1951; m. June 21, 1910 to Gertrude M. Zingg b. May 30, 1889; d. Dec. 27, 1938. Children:





- I. Glenn W. b. Sept. 2, 1912; m. April 11, 1941 to Ina Belle Younkin b. Jan. 4, 1913
- II. Norman H. b. April 20, 1915; m. Dec. 29, 1944 to Pauline Klinhann b. Feb. 7, 1922. Children:
  1. Carol b. Oct. 13, 1945
  2. Mary Jo b. Dec. 16, 1951
- III. Ronald B. b. March 29, 1917; m. July 20, 1939 to Betty Hassler b. May 6, 1917. Children:
  1. Linda Lou b. May 31, 1950
  2. Robert John b. Feb. 22, 1955
- IV. Dwight H. b. Feb. 8, 1930; m. April 3, 1954 to Ella Wallon b. Jan. 8, 1927.



### CHAPTER III

## THE FREDERICK BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

GROVER L. SCHALLER\*

FREDERICK was the second oldest child of the Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller. He was born in Diessbach, Switzerland on September 1, 1837. At the age of 14, the family moved to America. His education was begun in Switzerland and continued in the Settlement School on the Five Point Road, while the family lived on the William Savory Farm from 1852-1858. He was an apt pupil, reading fluently and writing both German and English well.

Frederick was 21 years old when the family bought the Schaller Homestead on the River Road, west of Perrysburg in 1858. In September, four years later, we find Frederick a member of the Co. 1. III Reg. O.V.I. 2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 23 Army Corps, serving first under General Ambrose E. Burnside, then under General William T. Sherman during the Civil War. He was given the rank of Corporal immediately and later that of Sergeant. He served for three years. His papers of discharge say he enlisted at 25 years of age, was 5 ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches high, fair complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, occupation a farmer.

The III Reg. Ohio Volunteers participated in 26 engagements—in Eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia and in North Carolina. Frederick was a victim of the epidemic which swept through the army during the winter of 1862-1863 at Bowling Green, Kentucky and was sent to the hospital. His Regiment was besieged in Knoxville from November 17-December 4, 1863 by General James Longstreet of the Confederate Army, until General U. S. Grant sent reenforcements from Chattanooga. We find him in the hospital again at Knoxville on June 6, 1864 while his regiment was on its way to the capture of Atlanta.

Having captured Atlanta and having destroyed the army of General John B. Hood in the battles of Columbus, Franklin

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\* Son of Frederick and Magdalene Disher Schaller



and Nashville, Tennessee, the III Ohio Volunteers was sent to North Carolina to meet General Sherman on his march back from Savannah. While at Smithville, North Carolina on April 11, 1865, the Regiment heard that General Robert E. Lee had surrendered to General U. S. Grant, but it was not until June 20 that the Regiment was discharged and later mustered out at Cleveland, Ohio on July 10, 1865. Frederick reached his home in Perrysburg at 7:00 P.M. July 14. His Diary reads, "I found all our folks well. What a happy time I had."

The average pay for Civil War soldiers was \$96.00 per year. When released from service, Frederick received \$245.00. For years he refused to accept any pension. At the urging of his army comrades, he did accept compensation during the last 14 years of his life.

While in the army, Frederick became interested in a girl back home. His Diary shows that he was writing and receiving two to three letters each week. Her name was Miss Magdalene Disher, daughter of Christian Disher and Susanna Knubbi of Whitehouse, Ohio. One year after he returned from the army, they were married on June 26, 1866.

The same ship which brought the family of Benedict Schaller II to America, carried also the family of Christian Teucher (later changed to Disher) from Diemtigen, County seat of Nieder-Simmental Canton Berne. They had two sons and two daughters, : Jacob was 8, Magdalene 7, Susanna 4 and John 2. Seven other children were born in America, : Huldah, Margareta, Albert, Henry, Emelie, Adaline and Frederick.

The Christian Disher family purchased land south of Whitehouse about 8 miles from the Schaller Homestead. Here Magdalene grew to womanhood. In contrast to Frederick, Magdalene's development was naturally less conspicuous. She lived quietly at home. As the oldest daughter, she became a willing helper, a tireless worker in the home at a time when every home was a small factory, making the clothes even to weaving the cloth, knitting the stockings and making the candles. In a day when gas stoves, electric sweepers and washers were unheard of, Magdalene did her share of the work in the house without a murmur. Thus she developed that spirit of unselfish service which characterized her whole life.

Magdalene also served her country during the dark days of the Civil War. She gladly did all that the government asked of the loyal, patriotic women to help make the lives of its



soldiers more comfortable. She felt the sting of the enemy's bullet. News from Washington said that her much beloved step-brother, Christian Disher, had been wounded. Weeks passed in anxious waiting, but prayers were answered. Christian recovered and returned home to live many years.

Frederick and Magdalene began housekeeping June 26, 1866 in Maumee, Ohio. Here Adaline was born. In the spring of 1867 they moved into a log house on a 217 acre farm owned by Samuel Conch on the south bank of the Maumee River, 3 miles west of Perrysburg. After seven years Frederick bought a 100 acre farm, located one mile south of Ft. Meigs, from John Moser, a brother-in-law. He took possession on March 1, 1874. This farm became the Frederick Schaller Homestead.

Here the ten children who grew to adulthood, (Frederick and Albert died in infancy) lived and worked. The farm was not ready made. Trees had to be cut down and burned, stumps had to be grubbed and blown out, ditches had to be dug and tile had to be laid. There was not only much work to do, but father and mother had a way in supervising us in getting the work done.

Young people of today need not waste their sympathy on us who lived on farms, without stone roads, automobiles, telephones, radios or televisions. While we did not have the diversions then as now, we did not require so much to entertain us. We had near neighbors. We attended the one-room Roachton country school, located one mile south of our farm, where Spelling and Arithmetic contests and other programs were held. We also enjoyed the trips to the river to swim and to fish. It was a rare treat to accompany father to Perrysburg and Toledo to buy clothing or to sell grain. To attend the Annual County Fair at Bowling Green was considered a diversion of the first class.

The love and the life of mother and the stern discipline of father helped to make up for the lack of religious training in the home. Living three miles in the country and lacking transportation, the family grew up outside of the church, but as the children grew older and could walk to and from Perrysburg, they attended the Evangelical Church. This contact resulted later in nearly each one finding his place in some church.

As the children became of age, they went to work for themselves or to make homes of their own. In 1908 Frederick had an auction sale on the farm. He then bought a house at





145 W. Fifth St. Perrysburg. Here on October 26, 1912 mother passed to her well deserved rest at the age of 68. It was here that father died 11 years later at the age of 86 years.

In 1912 the farm was sold to John Bostdorf, husband of Cousin Emma Schaller. It was later bought by John Shiple, son-in-law to Adaline Schaller Hertzfeld. Frank was appointed administrator. The will of Frederick, not only provided that the estate be equally divided between the ten living children, but it set up a trust fund of \$6000.00 for a building in Perrysburg in memory of all those in Perrysburg Township who had served their country in war. Since this \$6000.00 with accrued interest of \$3000 for over 10 years, was the largest contribution toward this project, it has been called the Schaller Memorial Building. This was also Frederick's way of honoring Frederick and Albert, two sons who died in infancy.

The Frederick Schaller Family are: Adaline E., Franklin, Maggie M., Amelia S., Charley H., Harry P., Christopher J., Huldah S., Grover L., and Thomas O.

### **The Adaline Schaller-Hertzfeld Family**

ADALINE, the oldest child of Frederick and Magdalene Disher Schaller, was born in Maumee, Ohio. Being the oldest of the twelve children, she saw hard work in both the field and in the house. Younger members of the family could not realize how much Adaline, Frank, Maggie and Amelia meant to father in the early days of clearing the land of trees, grubbing the stumps and putting the ground under cultivation.

Adaline became the second mother to the children. When Uncle Albert Disher lost his wife, Adaline went to keep house for his growing family. Some of the younger children could not understand why she did not stay at home and care for them if she was a sister.

In 1888 Adaline became of age and went to work for John Finzel in Toledo. Here she met John Hertzfeld, son of Peter and Philemena Pitzen of Waterville, Ohio. They were married and finally settled on a farm west of Waterville, near the Hertzfeld Homestead. Here the family of six girls and four boys were born and reared, : Helen, Martin, Lucy, Richard, Magdalene, Mary, Louis, Eleanor, John J. and Agnes. All but Lucy and Louis were married. Adaline embraced the Roman Catholic Faith and reared her family in that church.



She died November 30, 1931. John joined her 21 years later. They are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Maumee.

1. *Helen C.* oldest daughter of Adaline Schaller and John Hertzfeld, was born at the John Hertzfeld Homestead on the Hertzfeld Road, in Waterville Township, Lucas Co. Ohio. She attended the Neowash Rural School. She did not go to college, but she did take a course in practical nursing and child care at home. She was the oldest of 10 children. To hear Helen laugh, is to hear her mother. With large families, both had their problems, but both had learned the secret of "smiling the clouds away."

On May 6, 1919 Helen was married to John Haas, son of John and Mary Schwind Haas of Lime City. John was both a carpenter and a farmer. They set up housekeeping on Five Point Road between Ft. Meigs and Dixie Highway. Here were born 11 children, 6 girls and 5 boys. Helen's training in practical nursing in her parental home came in very handy. The names of their children are: Adaline, Lucy, Bernard, Vincent, Robert, Edwin, Mary Agnes, Eileen, Joanne, Catherine and John J.

1. Adaline did not marry, but became the sweetheart of many a G. I. in the army. Adaline was a graduate nurse and served with the army in England and Germany during World War II.

2. Lucy married Arthur J. Herman. This couple presented Helen and John with 11 grandchildren. Their names are: Janis Ann, Elizabeth, Barbara, Dudley, James, Carol Lou, Joice, Mary Alice, Richard, Charlene and Mary Rose.

3. Bernard chose Mildred Mahler as his helpmate. He served three years as Military Police with the army in Italy and Africa. He now owns a Manufacturing and Repair Shop. They have six children: Sandra, Dale, Jerry, Mark, James and Gregory.

4. Vincent saw hard fighting for three months in the Philippines. He was also in Formosa and Japan. He served for two years as a paratrooper. In all, he served four years. He now is maintenance man for Glaskyd, Inc. He married Norma Jean Vollmer. Their three children are: Allen Paul, David and Delvin.

5. Robert served with Vincent in the Philippines and Japan for 2 years as a paratrooper. At present he is a mechani-



cal engineer for Glaskyd, Inc. His wife is Janet Snyder. Their three children are: Ronald, Michale and Robbin.

6. Edwin L. served in the Air Force in Greenland. He married Rose Mary Cassy. He is an apprentice for I. B. M. Machines. At present he is studying in Endicot, New York but he will return to I. B. M. They have one son: Timothy.

7. Mary Agnes chose Frederick Stickles as her husband. He is a farmer. They have two daughters: Virginia Marie and Cynthia Ann.

8. Eileen married Harold Reid, Jr. who is a Railroad Traffic Clerk for the New York Central. They named their daughter—Susan Eileen.

9. Joanne chose Karl Junkins as her husband. Karl is a fireman on the New York Central. Their three daughters are: Mary Beth, Jeann and Nancy.

10. Catherine was united in marriage to James Miller who is a student, studying Public Relations. They have no children.

11. John J. is at home and not married. He is a Contractor for digging basements, drains, etc.

II. *Martin* is the oldest son of the John Hertzfeld family. He was born on the John Hertzfeld Homestead. He attended public school at Neowash. In World War I he served 15 months with the Marines in Europe. Although reared on the farm, Martin would try other ways of earning a livelihood. For years he served as a fireman on the New York Central Railroad, living at Detroit, Cleveland and Perrysburg. On October 1, 1917 Martin and Matilda Pelo became husband and wife. They have five children: Edith Rose, Martin Jr., Dale, Matilda and Sharon Rose.

1. Edith Rose was born in Detroit. For two years she served in the Medical Corps of the Army and was mustered out as a Lieutenant. On May 10, 1947 she married David Hope. They have twins: David and Dana, and Timothy.

2. Martin Jr. was born in Toledo. He also spent two years in the Medical Corps of the army, where he earned the rank of Technical Corporal. He chose as his helpmate in life Virginia Keating. Their five children are: Sandra Lee, Susan Lynn, Martin III, Mark and Sally Lou.

3. Dale also spent two years during World War II in the Medical Corps of the army. He married Carolyn Joyce Morre.



4. Matilda married Donald Cantwil. They have one daughter: Diana Lynn. Donald is lubrication man for Oldsmobile.

5. Sharon Rose married Richard Forche. He works for Libby Owens Glass.

In 1952 Martin and Matilda agreed to disagree. They received their divorce March 17, 1952. On August 21, 1953 Martin re-established his home by marrying Alice E. Braund, daughter of Meinke and Anna Christ.

III. *Richard*, like many sons reared on the farm, wanted a change and felt the call of the great city. On October 24, 1925 Richard chose Grace Wicks, daughter of John and Jane Wicks from Monclova, Ohio as his life's companion. They set up housekeeping in Toledo. For a while Richard tried to work on the farm and at the same time as an electrician at the B. & O. Railroad. After four years the farm won out. He moved his family to his farm on the Neowash Road, out of Waterville. Here he has earned the respect as a modern agriculturist. Five children came to bless their home: Norma Grace, Dorothy Ellen, Richard Jr., James and Rita Mary.

1. Norma Grace attended Waterville High School and graduated from Mary Manse as a major in music. She married Francis Baker, who served 21 months in the army with the engineers in the Philippines. They have four children: Ronald Francis, Joseph, Thomas Anthony and Mark Richard.

2. Dorothy Ellen trained to become a Beautician. She married Morgan Ford who served for 3 years with the Eighth Air Force in England with the rank of Lieutenant. He is now a mechanical engineer. The names of their four children are: Susan Ann, Nancy Kay, Peggy Jane, and James.

3. Richard Jr. has chosen to be a tiller of the soil. He married Margie Naperilla. Their five children are: Bonnie Jane, Donald Thomas, Larry Allen, Mary Grace and Michael.

IV. *Lucy* was the second daughter of Adaline Schaller and John Hertzfeld. She had four brothers and five sisters, six were younger than herself. Because she loved children, at the age of 15 years, she consecrated herself to become a religious teacher of children. On August 15, 1914 she entered the Ursuline Convent at Toledo and qualified herself as a teacher. For many years she gave herself as an understanding and sympathetic teacher of small children until her health failed.

V. *Magdalene* has not many words, but she has a heart





of gold. She, too, received her training in practical nursing in the parental home. There were five younger sisters and brothers on whom she could practice. She married John Shiple, son of Joseph and Louise Schwind Shiple. They set up housekeeping on the Frederick Schaller homestead, one mile south of Ft. Meigs. Here all of her five children were born: Marcella, Paul, Lawrence, Thelma and Gerald.

1. Marcella married Allie Haas who is sexton of St. Rose Church, Perrysburg. They named their children: Marlee Rose, Timothy Cyrill, Randy Paul and Vivian Marie.

2. Paul spent three years in the Air Force of the Army. He was mustered out February 15, 1946. He married Margaret Sue Hefner. They have three children: David, Susan Marie and Linda Jean. They are farmers, living on West River Road, Perrysburg.

3. Lawrence served two years in the Navy during World War II. He married Rita Keckstein. Their four children are: Lawrence Paul, Kathy Ann, Jeffry Gerald and Patricia Marie. Lawrence is maintenance man at Anderson Elevator in Maumee.

4. Thelma married Russel Beeman. He is a truck driver for Rogens Furniture Co. in Maumee. They have one son: Gary Edward.

5. Gerald married Irene Giaimo. He is a grain handler at the Anderson Elevator in Maumee. They have one son, Terrence Lee.

VI. *Mary P.* attended high school at Waterville and was graduated from St. Vincent School of Nursing at Toledo. She passed the State Board of Nursing, thus earning her R.N. degree. She married Joseph Schwab of Manchester, Michigan. They started their home in Manchester where they still live. Mary is honored to be the wife of the Mayor of Manchester. They have three daughters who have followed their mother's example and have become nurses: Patricia Ann, Jacqueline and Mary Ellen.

1. Patricia Ann chose J. Paul Hanson as her husband. They have two children: Jane Elizabeth and Joseph Paul.

Mary is a member of St. Vincent Alumni and the Ladies Arberter Society.

VII. *Louis F.* was born with a defective body, but in that house of clay there lived a beautiful soul. His mind was clear, his heart was pure, his whole life was a sermon to all who knew



such efforts won out. Today they have a thriving business, which requires the employing of twelve men.

Alta and Clarence have one child: Mae Elnora who was born in Perrysburg. She was graduated from the Perrysburg High School and then attended the Tri-State University at Toledo and became an efficient office secretary. She was an able member of a Bowling league of Toledo and one of its officers.

Mae became the wife of Milton Applegate of East Toledo in the summer of 1948. The ceremony was performed by her uncle, Dr. G. L. Schaller of Dayton, Ohio. Since 1952 Milton has worked with the Rossford Brick and Tile Co. The Applegates are at home with her parents, the Kellers. They have one child: Patricia.

II. *Orville* was born on the George Wagoner farm, Stony Ridge. He was one year old when his parents moved to Perrysburg. He was graduated from the Perrysburg High School, and then attended Ohio State University, studying landscape architecture. He assisted his father in later years with the Farm Drainage Contracting business. When the father retired, Orville took over the business.

Orville married Mary Josephine Leatherer, his high school sweetheart. For 20 years she served as cashier and office manager in the office of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Toledo. Since the opening of the Rossford Brick and Tile Company, she has served efficiently as its Vice-President and bookkeeper. They have no children.

Since Orville and Clarence founded the Rossford Brick and Tile Company, the men have been busy developing the business to help farmers to get rid of surplus water, and thus be able to increase their crop yield. Both Orville and Mary Josephine are active in the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Perrysburg. They have dedicated their lives and efforts to the building of a new church in Perrysburg.

### **The Maggie Schaller-Kraftchick Family**

MAGGIE, like Frank, was also born on the Samuel Conch farm. She was a child of four years when the family moved into what became the Frederick Schaller Homestead for the next 64 years. It is one mile south of Ft. Meigs.

Here Maggie grew to womanhood, doing her share of the work on the farm as well as in the house. In 1891, when she became 21 years of age, she went to work for Lampsons on E.



Second St. in Perrysburg. On March 2, 1898 she married Albert Kraftchick, son of Herman and Henrietta Panietz Kraftchick. For five years they lived on a farm at the bend on the Dixie Highway, six miles south of Perrysburg. It was here that Albert contracted a serious case of Typhoid Fever. Credit for his recovery was due to the skill and devotion of Dr. Henry Roether and the tireless nursing of Maggie and to God.

In 1903 the family moved to a farm on Milwaukee Ave. out from Azalia, Michigan. Ten years later they bought a farm on the southwest corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Route 23. This has become the Albert Kraftchick Homestead. For some 20 years Maggie was an invalid, victim of rheumatism and arthritis. All the care that a devoted husband and two loving daughters could give was gladly rendered. Maggie died November 29, 1931.

There were two children: *Alma W.* and *Elsie M.* Alma was born on the farm at the bend in the Dixie Highway. Elsie saw the light of day on the farm first occupied on Milwaukee Ave. Here the girls grew to womanhood. There being no boys in the family, Alma and Elsie had to do the work of boys as well as of girls. Only those who know can appreciate how well they did their job.

It was while Albert and Elsie were returning home from Milan on November 29, 1931 that a careless driver refused to give right-of-way and pushed the Kraftchick car off the road into the ditch. This resulted in the death of Albert and severe injuries to Elsie.

Being left fatherless and with a mother who had been an invalid for years, the girls were put to the test. They were not wanting. They succeeded in paying off the farm. While Alma ran the farm, Elsie worked in a hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The two girls were a great team and staunch pals.

Alma met and then married Clyde Simon, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Rhoadis Simon of Milan, Michigan. As a carpenter and farmer, Clyde put these abilities to good use on the Kraftchick Homestead until the farm is now one of the most desirable in the Azalia area. They have no children. They spend their winters in Florida.

### **The Amelia Schaller-Dysinger Family**

AMELIA was also born in the log house on the Samuel Conch farm on the River Road. She was the one of our family who



could carry a tune. After the chores were done in the evening, the younger children loved to lie on the green lawn, catch lightning and pinching bugs and have her lead us in singing, "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," "Old Kentucky Home," "Yankee Doodle," etc.

In 1895 Amelia went to work for John Dysinger at Bloomdale, Ohio. Later she worked for Frank Powell, Perrysburg, at the same time that Maggie worked at Lampsons. Amelia married John U. Dysinger, son of John Dysinger and Sarah Jane Lindley.

For ten years they lived on a farm near the Dysinger Homestead near Bloomdale. On January 1, 1907 the family moved to a farm on Milwaukee Ave. near Azalia, Michigan. After two years they bought a farm three miles northeast of Milan, Michigan, which has become the John Dysinger Homestead. They have four boys, : Floyd E., Arlo H., Harley F. and Clint E.

I. *Floyd* graduated from the Redner Rural School at Stony Creek. He married Adalaide Schrader, his next door neighbor. She is the daughter of William and Henrietta Schrader. They started housekeeping with her parents. Floyd then farmed the Schrader farm until 1941 when he bought it. Six years later he purchased a farm at Perry, Michigan. Then he went into big farming, working not only these two farms, but also the farm of his parents and that of a neighbor.

Floyd's interests went beyond the farm. He has been Chief Gleaner of the local Gleaner Life Insurance Co. for 20 years and its Secretary and Treasurer for six years. He has served as Chairman of two township Farm Bureau Groups, and as Supervisor and Tax-Assessing Officer of the township, totaling property to the value of \$10,000,000.00 For years he has served as Sunday School teacher and Superintendent. Adalaide has served as President of the Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church at Perry. She is also a member of the Garden Club and of the W.C.T.U. They have 3 boys: Duane, Kennard and Eldon.

1. Duane married Loyola Kanitz. They live on the former Schrader farm which he works. They have four children: Kathlene, Keith, Bonnie and Roger D.

2. Kennard married Gae An Pauls. Their son is Kennard John. They live in Perry, Michigan, as does Eldon.

II. *Arlo* was 8 years old when the family moved to the farm at Stony Creek. He was a very apt pupil in school. When





he was ready to be married, he aspired to and won the school teacher, Miss Emily Blanche Lewick, daughter of William I. and Elizabeth Lewick of Chelsea Michigan, as his wife. Blanche was a graduate of Ypsilanti Normal College and taught at the Redner School.

They set up housekeeping on the Dysinger farm on the Milwaukee Road. In 1946 Arlo bought a farm on Lake Sapphire near Lake City, Michigan. Here Blanche died in February 1950. They had one child: Jeane, who married Harold Michelson. They have two children: Lois and Laura.

Arlo does some farming, some dairying, some fishing and some hunting. On November 14, 1950 he re-established his home by marrying Violet Lucretia Belles, daughter of Carl Andrew and Alice Mary Belles, of Lake City. He claims the honor of becoming the "father of three children when he was nigh 60 years old." He is not only interested in church life, but is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Grange and the Modern Woodman. They are members of the Methodist Church at Lake City. The names of the three children are: Betty, Arlene and Alice.

III. *Harley* and Clint decided to venture in other fields than farming to earn a livelihood. Harley was born on the farm on Milwaukee Road. He graduated from the Lincoln Consolidated High School and the Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti. On June 20, 1931 he married Thelma E. Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Osborn of Whittaker. She completed high school at Milan and the Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti. They set up housekeeping at Whittaker where they still live.

Harley is head of the Supply Department of the Ypsilanti State Hospital, which cares for the mentally ill. They have two daughters, : Lorena E. and Jeannine A. They are active members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, at Whittaker.

1. Lorena E. married Joe Leon Phelps of Ypsilanti on April 21, 1956. Joe is a barber in his home town, doing so well that they must turn many customers from their four-chair shop. Lorena is head of the "Out Patient Clinic" at the Ypsilanti State Hospital.

2. Two months after Lorena was married, Jeannine became the bride of Charles Wesley McManigal. Charles is a band director in the Junior High School at Utica, Michigan. Although a small town, the school operates 35 buses, some



making several trips. Jeaninne is secretary to the Principal of the High School.

IV. *Clint* was the only son born on the John Dysinger Homestead at Stony Creek. He graduated from the Lincoln High School (consolidated) and then attended Michigan State University. He decided to try his chances in a far off country, at Hackensack, New Jersey. Here he found a job with a Wire Rope Plant. In less than two years he was made Superintendent of the Hackensack Cable Corporation, one of the top ten of such manufacturers in the United States.

On June 7, 1930 he married Pauline Goetz. After 14 years Clint and Pauline agreed to disagree and were divorced. There was one child by this union, : Irene Lu.

On April 28, 1945 Clint decided to re-establish his home. He married Laura Cords of Oradel, New Jersey. She was a faithful secretary of the Company. Clint drew up plans for their new home, he himself supervising the sub-contractors. In fact he did the lathing, the wiring, the painting and the landscaping himself. Such a house becomes a real home. They have three children, : Lyle Thomas, Larry Kennard and Joan Marie. They are active in church work. Clint holds several offices in the Cherry Hill Reformed Church of America. He even does some preaching.

### **The Charley Schaller Family**

CHARLEY was born April 22, 1874, soon after the Frederick Schaller family moved from the log house on the Samuel Conch farm to the frame house on the farm purchased from John Moser, one mile south of Ft. Meigs. When a teenage boy, Charley's hip was injured in a wagon accident. This compelled him to use crutches for years, which prevented him from following the plow as did his other brothers. But he could watch the cows with a faithful shepherd dog so they would not get into the corn and wander into the fields of the neighbors.

On May 7, 1903 Charley and Helen Ruebensaal, daughter of John Ruebensaal and Kate Renz were married. For two years Charley ran the grain elevator at Roachtou and lived in a Shipman house on the Roachtou Road between the Ft. Meigs Road and the Dixie Highway. From 1905-1907 he was made overseer of Dr. Gillette's summer home on the River Road, living in a house provided for the caretaker.

In 1909 Charley rented the Frederick Schaller Homestead



farm. Four years later he bought property in the 600 block on Louisiana Ave. in Perrysburg. Here he later built a house and a tool shop where he made useful articles for the neighbors. For years he helped Frank by laying the tile as the ditch was dug.

After years of suffering, Charley had his prayers to be with God answered on January 20, 1954. His faithful wife Helen and brother Thomas stood by him day and night for months to ease his pain. Of him it can be said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." His favorite song was, "My God and I." They had no children.

### **The Harry Schaller Family**

HARRY grew to manhood on the Frederick Schaller Homestead. When he became of age, he left the farm and became manager of the grain elevator at Roachton, Ohio. Then he worked for the Munn Livery Stable in Perrysburg. Here in Perrysburg he met and married Anna Erbskorn, daughter of John Erbskorn and Christine Windisch of Waterville, Ohio. They went to housekeeping in Monclova where he conducted a General Merchandise Store, ran the Grain Elevator, and operated a ditching machine.

In 1910 Harry had a religious experience that changed his whole life. He stopped all unnecessary work on Sundays and gave God and the church a big place in his life. He became interested in World Missions and gave liberally to its support. In 1921 he bought land on the Monclova Road, built a house and became a farmer. Here Anna died in 1933. In 1940 he retired and shifted the responsibility for running the farm to his sons.

Harry served as clerk of Monclova Township. For eight years he was a valued member of the Monclova Township School Board, serving part of this time as its president. Because of his interest in better schools in the community, his children: Lester, Paul, Edna and Willard presented the Anthony Wayne School Board with a gift of \$10,000 as a Memorial to their parents, Harry P. and Anna M. Erbskorn Schaller. The gift completed payment on the \$30,000 Athletic Stadium.

Harry built a Cape Cod house on his farm on the Monclova Road. Then he married Mrs. Dessa Leslie of Toledo, thus re-establishing his home. As a result of a stroke on December 24,



1953 he went home to be with God. Their children are: Lester R., Paul H. Edna M. and Willard W.

I. *Lester* was graduated from the Monclova High School, then attended Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio and then the University of Toledo. On June 19, 1926 he married Helen Walbot, daughter of Sardis and Elizabeth Walbolt of Waterville, a public school teacher. Dr. G. L. Schaller, an uncle, performed the ceremony. Helen was graduated from the Waterville High School, Toledo University and Michigan State Normal College.

They started housekeeping at Ypsilanti, Michigan where Lester conducted a coal yard. But Lester was born a farmer. He returned to the H. P. Schaller farm which was being enlarged and where he was needed. He bought a home on Black Road near Waterville. They have two children: Larry and Mary Ann.

Larry was graduated from Ohio State University, majoring in agriculture. He married Ellen Phipps. They live on one of the H. P. Schaller farms. He is busy helping his father and his uncles to employ the latest methods in farming. They have three children: Marc, Lesley Ann and Lynn Ellen.

Mary Ann was graduated from Miami University in Ohio with the class of 1956. She married Truman Rhinehalt in July of the same year. Truman is attending Bowling Green State University. Mary Ann teaches at the Anthony Wayne Consolidated School.

Lester is community minded. He is a Rotarian, a member of the Zenobia Shrine, a Director of the Toledo Community Chest, and is an active member of the Methodist Church of Waterville. He pilots his own airplane.

II. *Paul* was graduated from the Monclova High School and from Dennison University at Granville, Ohio. He started to teach school, but the love of the farm captured him. He took Jean Von Eberstein, daughter of Allen Von Eberstein and Florence McIlroy, of Royal Oak, Michigan as his bride with Dr. G. L. Schaller officiating.

Jean was a public school teacher, having been graduated from Michigan State Normal College. They started housekeeping on Indianola Island in the Maumee River near Waterville. When Harry retired, they moved on the H. P. Schaller Homestead. Paul and Lester took over the management of the farm which has become one of the larger farms in Lucas County.





They have one daughter and two sons, : Barbara Jean, Richard Paul and Donald Charles.

1. Barbara was graduated from the Maumee High School and is now attending Ohio State University.

2. Richard was graduated from Anthony Wayne High School in June 1956. He is helping Douglas Aircraft build airplanes.

3. Donald attends the Anthony Wayne High School.

Paul has been President of the Maumee Farm Bureau Federation and of the Northwestern Ohio Hybrid Association. The family are members of the Maumee Presbyterian Church.

III. *Edna* was graduated from the Monclova High School, from the University of Michigan and the Michigan State Normal College, receiving the B.S. Degree in Physical Education. During the summers she attended Young People's Christian Education Camps and served as Instructor and as Recreational Director. For ten years she taught Physical Education to the girls in the Maumee Public Schools. She was touring Europe when World War II broke out. She was scheduled to sail home on the boat which the Germans sunk. At the last minute her passage was changed to another ship. That was a narrow and lucky escape.

Edna married Lt. Julius L. Witzler, a train dispatcher of Perrysburg. He is the son of Julius H. Witzler and Anna C. Stephan. During his training period in the army, they lived in Philadelphia and New Orleans. In 1943 Julius was sent overseas and served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. His task was to help keep the railroads operating. He returned late in 1946 and was mustered out with the rank of Major. They have three children, : Julius Lester, Debra Sue and Melissa Ann.

The family lives at 2716 Latonia St., Toledo, Ohio.

IV. *Willard*, like Lester, Paul and Edna, grew up about the father's General Store in Monclova. After graduating from the local high school, he attended Bowling Green State University where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. Like Paul and Edna, Willard also chose the teaching profession. He taught and coached athletics in Lyons and at Columbus Grove, Ohio.

On May 31, 1937 Willard married Helen Marie Thomas, a daughter of John D. and Mary E. Garner Thomas. She also was a school teacher in Columbus Grove. The marriage took



place in Harrisburg, Penna. at the residence of his uncle, Dr. G. L. Schaller who officiated. Helen received her Elementary Certificate from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

In 1938 Willard went into the hardware business in Columbus Grove, but after four years he sold out and worked for the Ohio Steel Foundry in Lima. During World War II he served in the Navy 18 months on an Armed Guard in charge of a gun crew on a merchant ship. He operated in the Pacific, making trips to Hawaii and to Chile, South America. He was discharged January 25, 1946 with the commission of Full Lieutenant. Then he joined his father in the Farm Drainage Contracting business. They have two daughters, : Kay Ann and Karen Louise.

Willard is President of the Ohio Drainage Contractors Association and Vice President of the National Land Improvement Contractors of America. He served as a member of the Columbus Grove Board of Education and later of the Monclova Board of Education. He is Clerk of the Anthony Wayne School District which is known as Ohio's leader in Consolidation.

### **The Christopher Schaller Family**

CHRISTOPHER, or Chris as he was called, was born on the Schaller Homestead in the spring of 1880. As a boy he attended the Roachtan Rural School. As soon as he was old enough, he willingly did his share of the hard work on the farm. When he became of age, he too was made manager of the grain elevator at Roachtan. In March 1909 he married Mabel Brossie, a lover of the piano. She is the daughter of George and Clara E. Caldwell Brossie. During the next two years he rented a farm on the Milwaukee Road near Azalia, Michigan. Here Mabel contracted a severe case of Typhoid Fever. Her life was despaired of, but she recovered. From 1911-1918 they lived in a house that he built on Bates Road near Rossford. While here, he worked at the Willis Overland automobile factory in Toledo. He also owned and operated a tile ditching machine.

In 1918 he tried farming again. He bought property two miles south of Monclova, Ohio. Through hard work he modernized the house and put the farm in first class condition. Here he died on March 24, 1927.

Later the family moved to Toeldo where they lived with Mabel's mother until they moved to California, locating in



Montebello. They have three daughters, : Gladys Hulda, Lucille Clara and Ellen Louise.

I. *Gladys* was born on the farm near Azalia, Michigan. Since there was no brother and since Gladys was the eldest daughter, she also saw duty in the home and on the farm as she helped her father. After graduating from the Monclova High School, she took a secretarial course at Tri-State University in Toledo and found a job with the Toledo Blade. In 1931 Gladys not only landed a job as secretary in a wholesale coal office in Toledo, but later won the boss, Paul L. Woll as her husband. Paul is the son of Franz and Louisa Bredenburg Woll.

In a very real sense, Gladys was a partner in the coal business. She went with her husband on the road as they promoted their wholesale coal business. In their travels they chanced upon a beautiful spot on Torch Lake at Eastport, Michigan. This they developed in connection with their coal business into a beautiful resort. In May of 1950 Paul Woll, after 15 years of happy living, suddenly died. Gladys later sold this property on Torch Lake and joined her mother and sisters in Montebello, California. There are two children, : Paul Jr. and Sandra Jeanne. They are active in the Lutheran Church.

II. *Lucille* was born on Bates Road near Rossford. She spent her girlhood on the farm near Monclova, attending the Monclova school. She was graduated from the Waite High School in Toledo. Then she earned a Secretarial Certificate from the Davis Business College. She is the proud owner of a New Testament given to her grandfather, Frederick Schaller, during the Civil War when his Regiment was at Knoxville, Tenn., on its way to join the campaign to capture Atlanta, Georgia. On the fly leaf is inscribed, "Frederick Schaller, Co. 1, 111th Regt. O.V.I. 2nd Div. 23 Army Corp, Knoxville, Tenn. April 21, 1864." Lucille purchased this book at the Frederick Schaller sale.

In 1936 Lucille and Ellen travelled with their mother to California in a 1930 Model A Ford, "packed to the roof with household and personal belongings" writes Lucille. "Ellen (11 years old, sat in the back seat, squeezed in between toys, boxes and a Hoover Vacuum Sweeper. A box of dishes rode on the running board. Only two were broken. This was the 1930 version of the Covered Wagon."

At Montebello Lucille served as Secretary-Bookkeeper for a doctor in an emergency hospital. While playing the piano for



devotions at the Lutheran Service Center, she met Walter B. Bellin, son of W. and Regina Dobberfuhl Bellin of Thiensville, Wisconsin. In March 1944 he was sent overseas. He served as Battalion Surveyor in the Army Engineer Corp in Guadacanal, in the Philippines and in Japan. After two years he was discharged with the rank of Technical Sergeant.

On June 30, 1946 Lucille and Walter Bellin became husband and wife. Before Walter entered the Armed Forces, he had graduated from the Lutheran High School in Milwaukee and had earned the B.S. degree at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He did postgraduate work in Dairy Industry at the University of California at Davis. He is employed by the Carnation Co. as Director of Laboratory for the Los Angeles Fresh Milk and Ice Cream Plant. They are active members of the Lutheran Church. They have two daughters, : Dorothy Jeanne and Melinda Sue.

III. *Ellen* was born on the farm out from Monclova. She was only 20 months old when her father died. She was 11 years old when she travelled to California with her mother and Lucille. She was graduated from the High School at Montebello. While she worked half days at Sears Roebuck, she completed a two year course in secretarial work. She was an active member of the Walther League, the society for young people of the Missouri Lutheran Church. It was here that she met Lester E. Tietjen, son of Benjamin and Emma Mindemann Tietjen of El Monte, California in 1941.

Lester was called into the army in 1941. Two years later he and Ellen became husband and wife. By this time Lester was Master Sergeant in the IX Corp of the Infantry. Ellen went with him to his army station in Mississippi and later to Atlanta, Georgia. In August 1944 when he was sent overseas, Ellen went back to Montebello, California to await his return. After 16 months he was mustered out in December 1945, after having served over four years in the army. He was welcomed home by Ellen and their 13 month old daughter, whom he saw now for the first time.

Lester has served as Cashier for the Bank of America, Assistant Manager of a fur business, Office and Credit Manager for a Ford Agency. He now is agent with the Hardware Mutual Insurance Co. Ellen helps in the work of his office. They live in Fullerton, California. Both are active members of the Lutheran





Church. They have two children: Janet Kathryn and Bruce Edward.

### **The Hulda Schaller-Schneider Family**

HULDA was the youngest of the four daughters and the third to the youngest of the twelve children of Frederick Schaller. At the time Amelia left home to work for herself, Hulda was only 13 years old. Upon her and mother rested the household duties of caring for father, Charley, Harry, Christopher, Grover and Thomas. There was no one except Hulda to care for mother and father in their old age. Mother lived 9 years and father 20 years after Hulda became of age.

Like many other faithful daughters in like circumstances, Hulda served without complaint. In addition to her household duties, she was able to earn some money as a telephone operator at small pay. For years this meant walking down the railroad track from the farm to Perrysburg and home again, a trip of 5 miles.

Hulda married Charles J. Schneider, son of John and Rosellen Keller Schneider of Perrysburg. For years Charles served as Cashier in the Perrysburg National Bank. They bought the Frederick Schaller home at 145 E. Fifth St., Perrysburg where she died January 18, 1954, after a lingering illness. There were born two children: Miriam R. and Charles Jr.

I. *Miriam R.* was graduated from the Perrysburg High School. Then she entered Flower Hospital, Toledo for training as a nurse. She also received additional training at the Toledo State Hospital and at the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. As a graduate of the Flower Hospital, she was awarded the Florence Nightingale pin for being the honor student of the class. She passed the Ohio State Board of Nursing and received her R.N. degree.

After graduation, Miriam did general duty at the Flower Hospital. One of her patients, a very special one, was Arthur Seiple, son of Jesse and Bessie Imes Seiple of Toledo, Ohio. So well impressed was he by her kindly spirit and her gentle care that he decided he would like to engage her for life. The feeling was mutual, so Miriam and Arthur were married. The ceremony was performed by her uncle, Dr. G. L. Schaller, in the First Methodist Church of Perrysburg.

Arthur graduated from the Libbey High School in Toledo. He was a tool-engineer at Spicer Manufacturing Co. They moved



to Defiance and later to Cincinnati, Ohio, where his skill was ever in demand. In addition to his vocation, Arthur would buy land, improve it and then sell it at a profit. This happened at Newtonsville near Cincinnati and Fowlersville, Michigan where they have lived since 1947. Arthur has been working for Excello Corporation in Detroit as a Designing Engineer. The family is active in the life of the local church. They have five children: Sharon Elaine, Shirley Lynn, Gene Arthur, Joanne Sue and Diana Lois.

II. *Charles Jr.* was graduated from the Perrysburg High School. From 1933-1938 he worked for the Libby-Owens Ford Glass Co. at Rossford. A year later he attended Hobart Welding School and worked at the Buckeye Traction Ditching Co. in Findlay, Ohio.

He married Alice Jane Miller, daughter of Eugene and Alice Taylor Miller, of Toledo in the First Methodist Church in Perrysburg. Alice was graduated from the Scott High School of Toledo and earned a B.S. degree in Education at Bowling Green State University. She taught in the Toledo Public School System.

In August 1942 Charles completed training as Sales Service Engineer in the Technical School at Toledo Sales Company and was appointed Service Supervisor of the South Bend, Indiana District. On December 14, he enlisted in the Marines. He took Boot-training at San Diego, California and was then attached to the Fourth Division of the Marines. This division rendered heroic service in Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

At Saipan Charles received the following letter of commendation from Washington, "For outstanding service as Chief of the Artillery Battery Instrument Section and Forward Observer Sergeant in action against the enemy in the Marianas Island from June 15, 1944-August 8, 1944. His thorough knowledge of Artillery and presence of mind enabled him to set up a battery firing under heavy shell fire on the first day on Saipan. As Forward Observer Sergeant with Assault Infantry Companies, he located important Artillery targets and brought effective fire on the enemy under hazardous conditions, thus aiding success of the operations. When the Battalion Fire direction center personnel received casualties, he took over the job of Operation Sergeant in an outstanding manner." At Iwo Jima he also re-



ceived a citation with ribbon for able and courageous discharge of duty.

In November 1945 Charles returned home and was assigned to inactive duty in the Marines with the rank of Captain. He won three Battle Stars.

The Toledo Sales Co. welcomed Charles back into their organization. He is now Supervisor of Catalogue Production. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Perrysburg, the Maumee River Yacht Club, Toledo Sailing Club and is a 32nd degree Mason at the Zenobia Temple, Toledo. Jane is a member of the Christian Science Church and of the Federation of Teachers. They live at 3413 Beechway Blvd., Toledo, Ohio.

They have two daughters: Susan Jane and Janet Elizabeth.

### **The Grover Schaller Family**

GROVER L. was born the day Grover Cleveland was first elected President of the United States. He attended the Rural School at Roachton as did all his brothers and sisters. He was graduated from the Perrysburg High School in 1906. He felt a strong impulse to be a minister of Jesus Christ. He was recommended for that vocation by the Grace Evangelical Church at Perrysburg and was licensed by the Ohio Conference of the Evangelical Church in 1906. He taught school for two years at Moline, Ohio where he preached his first sermon. Having saved \$500.00, he enrolled in North Central College at Naperville, Illinois. Here he served as Captain of the Inter-Society and Inter-Collegiate Debating Teams.

In 1912 he was graduated with the degree of B.A. He accepted a position in the large Elgin High School, where he taught history and public speaking. Having paid his college debts and remembering his call to be a minister of the Gospel, he attended McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He was graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois in 1914 with the degree of B.D. Eighteen years later, this Seminary honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He also did post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, and took specialized subjects at Dickenson College in Carlisle, Penna.

On April 18, 1914 Grover married Amanda L. Rippberger, a public school teacher of Elgin, Illinois. She is the daughter of Charles Rippberger and Sophia Deuchler. She was born and



reared in Elgin and after graduating from the High School there, she attended North Central College at Naperville, Illinois. For the next six years she taught in the Elgin public schools and spent her summers in extensive travels—in the United States and Canada, in Mexico, England, Scotland and Europe. For five years they served as pastor and wife of Grace Evangelical Church, a small mission church in Peoria, Illinois. Through Amanda's able assistance, this congregation later became a self-supporting church.

In April 1920 the denomination called Grover to become the Associate Editor of the Sunday School Publications, with offices first in Cleveland, Ohio, then in Harrisburg, Penna. and later at Dayton, Ohio. For thirty years Grover served his church as Associate Editor of Sunday-School Literature. During this time he was a member of six General Conferences and was re-elected to the office of Associate Editor by five of these General Conferences. In 1950 he asked for and was granted retirement because of ill health.

Grover was honored by being asked to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the General Board of Christian Education and of the Commission on Christian Social Action of his church. His denomination appointed him to serve as its representative on the Executive Committee of the Penna. Council of Christian Education and on the Penna. Council of Churches, and also on the Executive Committee of the International Council of Religious Education. For two years he was elected Chairman of the Adult Professional Advisory Section of the International Council of Religious Education.

After his retirement Grover and Amanda moved to Daytona Beach, Florida, where they have a very comfortable apartment in Olds Hall, a hotel purchased by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Olds of Lansing, Michigan, for retired ministers and missionaries. They bless the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Olds whose Christian generosity has made it possible for them and 120 other persons from many denominations to enjoy the health giving sunshine of Florida. They have two children: Stanley Carl and Dorothy Helen.

I. *Stanley* was born in Peoria, Illinois. He was graduated from the John Harris High School of Harrisburg, Penna. He then attended North Central College at Naperville, Illinois but was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Penna. with the degree of Bachelor of Business. For





outstanding work during his college course, he received the high honor of graduating with Magna Cum Laude. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to the Pi Gamma Mu which is a Social Science Honorary Society.

Immediately after graduation in 1938, he worked in the office of the Armstrong Cork Co. of Lancaster, Penna. A year later he became a salesman for the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. After a course of strenuous training at Harrisburg, Penna. he was made manager of the Sunbury District.

On January 6, 1942 Uncle Sam called Stanley. He went into the Air Force of the Army. After several months of basic training, he was sent to the Officers Candidate Training School at Miami, Florida. Here he was graduated December 9, 1942 as a 2nd Lt. Three months later he was made 1st Lt. and sent to Scotland and England. Then he was transferred to Airfields in France near Paris in October 1944, with the rank of Captain. Here he continued to serve as Supply Officer.

He won three Battle Stars. More important, he also won the hand of Mary Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Edward L. and Grace M. Lynch Smith of Hartford, Connecticut. Mary Elizabeth is a graduate of Buckley High School, Hartford and received a B.A. degree from Mary Grove College at New Rochelle, New York. They were married in Paris in 1945. After serving as a secretary in the office of War Information in Washington, D. C., Mary spent two years as Club Director for the Red Cross during World War II in Scotland, Belgium and France.

Stanley was discharged at Indiantown Gap, Penna. in December 1945. After finding work in Hartford and living in the Smith home for a year, they moved to Madison, Wisconsin where he took his G.I. training in the Wisconsin Felton Sporting Goods Store. In January 1949 the family moved to Wausau where Stanley became Assistant Accountant at the Marathon Paper Corporation. On October 1, 1949 he and Allan A. Shepherd, a brother-in-law, opened up a Sporting Goods store. It has become the Shepherd and Schaller Sporting Goods, Inc. located at 212 Scott St., Wausau.

Stanley is a member of the Reserve Officers Corp of the Air Force of Wausau. He holds the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the V.F.W. He represents the Chamber of Commerce on the Rib Mountain Skiing Commission of Wisconsin and is active in the Y.M.C.A. His spare



time project is remodeling their attic into additional living quarters. Mary Elizabeth is active in church circles. Stanley is a member of the Y.M.C.A. and active in its program.

They have six children, : Stuart Carl, Patricia Ann, Stephen Edward, Sarah Elizabeth, Julia Mary and Ellen Marie.

II. *Dorothy* saw the light of day in Peoria, Illinois. When she was one year old, her father was called to be Associate Editor of Sunday School Publications of the Evangelical Church which meant moving to Cleveland, Ohio and then to Harrisburg, Penna., where Dorothy attended school. Having completed John Harris High School, she entered the Penna. Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia. She was graduated in 1939. She passed the Penna. State Board of Nursing and received the R.N. degree.

In the fall of that year, Dorothy enrolled in North Central College, Naperville, Illinois as a Freshman and College Nurse. Here she met a young man, a senior in college by the name of Allan Shepherd, son of the late Dr. Wm. A. Shepherd and Minnie Mattis of Seymour, Wisconsin. They became husband and wife on February 22, 1942 in the college church in Naperville. The ceremony was witnessed by the student body and many relatives. Her father, Dr. G. L. Schaller and the pastor, Rev. Dewey Eder, officiated.

Allan was graduated from the High School at Seymour. Then he attended Marquette University at Milwaukee for one year, but received his B.S. degree in Physical Education at North Central College in 1941. In July of that year he entered the Air Force of the Army. He was sent to Scott Field, Illinois where they set up housekeeping. He was graduated from Officers Candidate Training School at Miami, Florida as a 2nd Lt. In May 1942 he was transferred to Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin where he received the commission of 1st Lt. A year and half later he was made Captain, then was sent to England in March 1944.

Two months later on June 6, 1944, one day after D day, he landed at Normandy, France. For 18 days he lived within 3 miles of the beach, in fox holes covered with boards to keep off the flak. In Paris and Chantilly he served in the headquarters of the Air Force as Liaison Officer with the First Army. At Bad Kissington, Germany he received the rank of Major.

In November 1945 he left for the United States, receiving his discharge in New York on the 28th of the same month. They moved to Wausau, Wisconsin in November 1947 where



he worked with the Veterans Administration of northern Wisconsin for two years. In September 1949, Allan and Stanley went into business, forming the Shepherd and Schaller Sporting Goods, Inc. in Wausau.

As a member of the Reserve Corps of the Air Force, Allan has received the rank of Lt. Colonel. He has the honor and the responsibility of being the Commanding Officer of 9663 Air Reserve Squadron which includes central and northern Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan. He is Vice Chairman of the North Central Area Physical Education Committee of the Y.M.C.A. including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Montana.

Allan has served as Secretary and President of the Wausau Rotary Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Wausau Chamber of Commerce and member of the Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church. The names of their four children are, : William Allan, Susan Lynn, Barbara Ann and Debra Jean.

### **The Thomas Schaller Family**

THOMAS O. is the youngest of the family of 12 children of Frederick Schaller. Being the baby he received most of the favors and some of the criticisms of his older sisters and brothers. But Thomas was right there holding his own. He finished the rural school at Roachton and attended Grade School at Perrysburg. When Grover left home to teach school in September 1906, Thomas and his father worked the farm alone. In 1908 Thomas left home to work on the farm of Albert Kraftchick, on Milwaukee Ave., near Azalia, Michigan.

He married Mabel Mooney, daughter of Patrick H. Mooney and Dianthia E. Smith of Azalia. They set up housekeeping in Milan where Thomas found a good job at the Ideal Furnace Co. as a molder.

In 1914 he tried his hand at farming on Milwaukee Ave. Two years later we find him molding again in Milan. Here he bought a home. While living here, Mabel contracted a malignant disease. She died April 13, 1947. They were members of the First Methodist Church in Milan.

They have one child, : *Lillian* who was born and brought up in Milan, Michigan. She was graduated from the Milan High School and studied piano. She married Harry Haynes, son of William H. Haynes and Allie Westmoreland of Johnson City,



Tenn. Harry graduated from the high school at Marysville, Tenn. and the Trades School at Ford Motor Co. at Detroit. He became an electrician for the Ford Motor Co. at Dearborn, where the family lived.

In January 1944 Harry and Lillian felt the need of getting out into the country with their growing family. He bought a farm at Fincastle, Virginia. In 1949 Thomas sold his home in Milan and accompanied the family to Virginia.

In 1951 Thomas left Virginia to help care for brother Charley who was an invalid for several years. Thomas and Charley's faithful wife, Helen, were on call day and night for months. How fortunate that Thomas was available! Charley died January 20, 1954.

In 1953 Harry sold the farm and moved to a smaller place out from Bristol, Tenn. Here Harry serves as General Manager of the Bristol Gas Corporation. They have 6 children: Lillian Rosalyn, Loretta Arlene, Thomas William, Harry Richard, John Frederick and Kathleen Dianne.

Lillian Rosalyn married James K. Keller. He served in the army in Kentucky as a corporal. They live in Washington D. C. where they are both employed in the Government. Loretta Arlene married Emmitt W. Dingus. She lives at home with her one son, Harry T.

*Frederick Schaller had 212 descendants and 75 in-laws.*

The following is the Frederick Branch of the Schaller Family Tree except for two of the boys who died in infancy,—

Frederick R. born February 29, 1868, died July 14, 1869

Albert O. born September 11, 1875 " Feb. 2, 1877





## THE FREDERICK BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Frederick Schaller b. Sept. 1, 1837; d. Aug. 24, 1923; m. June 26, 1866 to Magdalene Disher b. Oct. 14, 1844; d. Oct. 26, 1912. Children: Adaline, Frederick, Frank, Maggie, Amelia, Charley, Albert, Harry, Christopher, Hulda, Grover, Thomas

### The Adaline Schaller-Hertzfeld Family Tree

Adaline b. Feb. 11, 1867; d. Nov. 30, 1931; m. Nov. 13, 1894 to John Hertzfeld b. Feb. 11, 1869; d. Feb. 15, 1952. Children:

- I. Helen C. b. Oct. 11, 1895; m. May 6, 1919 to John Haas b. June 23, 1894. Children:
  1. Adaline b. March 1, 1920
  2. Lucy b. Nov. 18, 1921; m. Sept. 10, 1937 to Arthur Herman b. Jan. 28, 1915. Children: Janice b. Jan. 31, 1939; Elizabeth b. Feb. 10, 1940; Barbara b. Nov. 30, 1941; Dudley b. Dec. 28, 1943; James b. June 18, 1946; Carol Lou b. Aug. 23, 1947; Joice b. Dec. 12, 1949; Mary Alice b. May 8, 1951; Richard b. Sept. 15, 1952; Charlene b. March 19, 1954; Mary Rose b. May 14, 1955
  3. Bernard b. June 16, 1923; m. Feb. 6, 1946 to Mildred Mahler b. March 10, 1926. Children: Sandra Kay b. Nov. 6, 1946; Dale b. April 26, 1949; Jerry b. Aug. 3, 1950; Mark b. March 29, 1952; James b. June 21, 1954; Gregory b. Aug. 1, 1955
  4. Vincent b. Dec. 10, 1924; m. Aug. 21, 1948 to Norma Jean Vollmer b. Sept. 22, 1928. Children: Allen Paul b. March 19, 1950; David b. Sept. 19, 1952; Delvin b. Dec. 14, 1954
  5. Robert b. Dec. 24, 1925; m. June 20, 1952 to Janet Snyder b. Oct. 19, 1931. Children: Roland b. April 26, 1953; Michale b. Aug. 26, 1954; Robbin b. Dec. 7, 1955
  6. Edwin L. b. Sept. 14, 1927; m. Aug. 8, 1953 to Rose



- Mary Cassy b. March 30, 1931. Child: Timothy b. Jan. 6, 1955
7. Mary Agnes b. Nov. 17, 1928; m. July 5, 1948 to Frederick Stickles b. Jan. 13, 1928. Children: Virginia Marie b. April 15, 1949; Cynthia Ann b. Sept. 18, 1950
  8. Eileen b. May 23, 1930; m. Oct. 3, 1951 to Harold Reid Jr. b. April 11, 1931. Child: Susan Eileen b. Aug. 31, 1952
  9. Joanne b. June 11, 1931; m. Nov. 5, 1949 to Karl Junkins b. Feb. 9, 1927. Children: Mary Beth b. March 31, 1952; Jeann b. Sept. 27, 1953; Nancy b. May 12, 1955
  10. Catherine b. Dec. 2, 1932; m. Oct. 24, 1953 to James Miller b. Feb. 20, 1929
  11. John J. b. Dec. 6, 1936
- II. Martin P. b. Feb. 14, 1897; m. Oct. 1, 1919 to Matilda Pelo b. June 24, 1896; div. March 17, 1952; m. Aug. 21, 1953 to Alice E. Brown b. Jan. 20, 1901. Children:
1. Edith Rose b. Nov. 9, 1922; m. May 10, 1947 to David Hope b. July 9, 1921. Children: David and Dana (twins) b. May 16, 1948; Timothy b. June 26, 1949
  2. Martin Jr. b. May 17, 1924; m. June 26, 1948 to Virginia Keating b. May 17, 1926. Children: Sandra Lee b. June 14, 1949; Susan Lynn b. Sept. 10, 1950; Martin III b. Oct. 22, 1951; Mark b. May 3, 1954; Sally Lou b. Jan. 25, 1956
  3. Dale b. Jan. 24, 1933; m. Oct. 22, 1955 to Carolyn Joyce Morre b. Sept. 24, 1936
  4. Matilda b. Feb. 20, 1935; m. May 7, 1955 to Donald Cantwil b. Oct. 21, 1933. Child: Diane Lynn b. July 19, 1956
  5. Sharon Rose b. June 9, 1937; m. June 9, 1956 to Richard Forche b. Oct. 24, 1936
- III. Richard b. Feb. 20, 1898; m. Oct. 24, 1925 to Grace Wicks b. Jan. 29, 1899. Children:
1. Norma b. Sept. 29, 1926; m. June 23, 1951 to Francis Baker b. Sept. 29, 1926. Children: Roland Francis b. April 16, 1952; John Joseph b. July 17, 1953; Thomas Anthony b. May 3, 1955
  2. Dorothy Ellen b. Feb. 22, 1926; m. May 28, 1949 to Morgan Ford b. May 18, 1929. Children: Susan Ann



- b. Oct. 7, 1950; Nancy Kay b. Oct. 23, 1951; Peggy Jane b. Dec. 3, 1953
3. Richard G. Jr. b. Jan. 31, 1930; m. April 7, 1951 to Margie Naperilla b. April 7, 1931. Children: Bonnie Jane b. Jan. 24, 1952; Donald Thomas b. Jan. 16, 1953; Larry Allen b. May 3, 1954; Mary Grace b. May 9, 1955; Michael.
  4. James b. Feb. 19, 1935
  5. Rita Mary b. Dec. 23, 1942
- IV. Lucy I. b. May 27, 1899. Entered Urseline Convent, Aug. 15, 1914
- V. Magdalena b. Sept. 19, 1900; m. Nov. 24, 1920 to John Shiple b. May 12, 1887. Children:
1. Marcella b. April 27, 1922; m. Oct. 1, 1945 to Allie Haas b. Feb. 28, 1911. Children: Marleen Rose b. Dec. 3, 1950; Timothy Cyril b. Dec. 28, 1951; Randy Paul b. Feb. 20, 1954; Vivian Marie b. June 20, 1955
  2. Paul J. b. Nov. 14, 1923; m. July 5, 1947 to Margaret Sue Hefner b. July 6, 1925. Children: David b. March 15, 1949; Susan Marie b. Dec. 16, 1950; Linda Jean b. Sept. 28, 1953
  3. Lawrence C. b. March 22, 1926; m. June 22, 1949 to Rita Keckstein b. March 1, 1922. Children: Lawrence Paul b. Aug. 28, 1949; Kathy Ann b. March 30, 1952; Jeffry Gerald b. July 11, 1953; Patricia Marie b. July 24, 1954; Georgiana b. Dec. 21, 1955
  4. Thelma b. July 8, 1929; m. Nov. 26, 1949 to Russel Beman b. Sept. 3, 1926. Child: Gary Edward b. Nov. 23, 1950
  5. Gerald b. May 9, 1934; m. June 12, 1954 to Irene Giaimo b. Sept. 6, 1936. Child: Terrence Lee b. Nov. 2, 1955
- VI. Mary P. b. Dec. 27, 1901; m. April 22, 1930 to Joseph Schwab b. March 7, 1901. Children:
1. Patricia Ann b. Feb. 19, 1931; m. July 11, 1953 to J. Paul Hansen b. May 4, 1929. Children: Jane Elizabeth b. Feb. 23, 1955; Joseph Paul b. March 16, 1956
  2. Jacquelin b. Oct. 29, 1932
  3. Mary Ellen b. July 18, 1934
- VII. Louis F. b. Aug. 4, 1903; d. Nov. 19, 1947



- VIII. Eleanor F. b. April 9, 1905; m. Aug. 10, 1928 to Joseph Granata b. Sept. 2, 1902. Children:
1. Charles Edward Xavier b. March 22, 1930; m. June 18, 1955 to Arline Obarski. Child: Karen Marie b. April 28, 1956
  2. Joseph Paul b. March 19, 1931
  3. Eleanor Francis b. July 14, 1933
  4. Richard James b. Nov. 17, 1934
  5. Thomas Eugene b. Sept. 13, 1939
  6. Francis Regis b. June 29, 1942
  7. David Gregory b. Sept. 7, 1945
- IX. John J. b. March 23, 1907; m. June 4, 1932 to Mildred Junkins b. Aug. 12, 1911. Children:
1. Rose Mary b. June 11, 1933
  2. Marlene b. Nov. 7, 1936
  3. John Kieth b. Sept. 6, 1948
  4. Gary Lee b. July 21, 1950
- X. Agnes S. b. Dec. 7, 1910; m. Aug. 12, 1935 to John Bayer b. March 16, 1911

#### **The Frank Schaller Family Tree**

Frank b. Nov. 9, 1869; d. Oct. 27, 1953; m. Nov. 30, 1893 to Rose Mahler b. March 22, 1863; d. Feb. 27, 1944. Children:

- I. Alta May b. Jan. 10, 1898; m. Feb. 28, 1917 to Clarence Keller b. Oct. 4, 1896. Child:
  1. Mae Elnora b. Aug. 16, 1917; m. Aug. 28, 1948 to Milton Applegate b. Feb. 21, 1908. Child: Patricia b. Dec. 6, 1950
- II. Orville F. b. Nov. 16, 1904; m. Sept. 14, to Josephine Leatherer b. Jan. 17, 1906

#### **The Maggie Schaller-Kraftchick Family Tree**

Maggie b. Feb. 22, 1870; d. Oct. 23, 1940; m. March 2, 1898 to Albert Kraftchick b. Sept. 11, 1875; d. Nov. 29, 1931. Children:

- I. Alma Wilhelmina b. Sept. 16, 1899; m. June 19, 1940 to Clyde Simon b. Dec. 20, 1889
- II. Elsie Magdalene b. Sept. 10, 1905

#### **The Amelia Schaller-Dysinger Family Tree**

Amelia S. b. Aug. 22, 1872; m. March 4, 1897 to John Dysinger b. Feb. 22, 1872. Children:





- I. Floyd E. b. May 1, 1899; m. March 29, 1921 to Adelaide Schrader b. Sept. 18, 1897. Children:
  1. Duane D. b. May 12, 1926; m. Oct. 15, 1949 to Loyola Kanitz b. Aug. 30, 1929. Children: Kathleen L. b. Sept. 1, 1950; Keith D. b. April 28, 1952; Bonnie K. b. Jan. 25, 1956; Roger D. b. Dec. 9, 1956
  2. Kennard E. b. May 19, 1928; m. Oct. 2, 1954 to Gae Ann Pauls b. March 23, 1935. Child: Kennard John b. June 29, 1955
  3. Eldon E. b. Dec. 7, 1937
- II. Arlo H. b. May 7, 1901; m. June 21, 1922 to Blanche Lewick b. May 10; d. Feb. 26, 1950; m. Nov. 14, 1950 to Violet Belles b. March 9. Children:
  1. Jeanne E. b. Sept. 24, 1923; m. Jan. 1942 to Harold Michelson b. Nov. 17. Children: Lois J. b. Dec. 5, 1942; Laura J. b. Oct. 25, 1944
  2. Betty J. b. Dec. 3, 1951
  3. Arlene H. b. Jan. 23, 1953
  4. Alice A. b. Oct. 2, 1955
- III. Harley F. b. Jan. 19, 1909; m. June 20, 1931 to Thelma Osborn b. April 6, 1905. Children:
  1. Lorene E. b. Aug. 13, 1936; m. April 21, 1956 to Joe L. Phelps b. April 10, 1932
  2. Jeannine A. b. Feb. 14, 1938; m. June 16, 1956 to Charles McManigal b. Oct. 29, 1934
- IV. Clint E. b. April 14, 1910; m. June 7, 1930 to Pauline Goetz b. Dec. 22, 1911 div. Jan. 1944; m. April 28, 1945 to Laura Cords b. Oct. 26. Children:
  1. Irene Lou b. Oct. 18, 1933
  2. Lyle T. b. April 11, 1948
  3. Larry K. b. May 27, 1950
  4. Joan M. b. Sept. 16, 1952

#### **The Charley Schaller Family Tree**

Charley b. April 22, 1874; d. Jan. 20, 1954; m. May 7, 1903 to Helen Ruebensaal b. Feb. 21, 1878

#### **The Harry Schaller Family Tree**

Harry b. Feb. 7, 1878; d. Dec. 24, 1953; m. April 13, 1902 to Anna Erbskorn b. April 13, 1874; d. Feb. 14, 1933; m. Dec. 1949 to Dessa Leslie b. April 13, 1892. Children:

- I. Lester Roland b. June 29, 1903; m. June 19, 1926 to Helen Walbolt b. Aug. 31, 1900. Children:



1. Larry Lester b. July 7, 1929; m. Nov. 17, 1950 to Ellen Phipps b. March 26, 1928. Children: Marc b. April 15, 1952; Lesley Ann b. March 28, 1954; Lynn Ellen b. Feb. 13, 1956
2. Mary Ann b. Sept. 1, 1934; m. Aug. 4, 1956 to Truman A. Rhinehalt b. July 12, 1933
- II. Paul Harvey b. Jan. 19, 1908; m. Aug. 17, 1934 to Jean Von Eberstein b. July 29, 1911. Children:
  1. Barbara Jean b. May 4, 1935
  2. Richard Paul b. March 30, 1938
  3. Donald Charles b. Aug. 23, 1939
- III. Edna Mae b. Oct. 31, 1909; m. June 6, 1942 to Julius L. Witzler b. Sept. 1, 1909. Children:
  1. Julius Lester b. Feb. 1, 1944
  2. Debra Sue b. Jan. 11, 1949
  3. Melissa Anna b. Jan. 31, 1951
- IV. Willard Wilson b. Dec. 25, 1912; m. May 31, 1937 to Helen Marie Thomas b. May 1, 1909. Children:
  1. Kay Ann b. Oct. 27, 1938
  2. Karen Louise b. Nov. 17, 1939

#### **The Christopher Schaller Family Tree**

- Christopher J. b. March 23, 1880; d. March 24, 1927; m. March 25, 1909 to Mabel Brossie b. May 10, 1889. Children:
- I. Gladys b. April 20, 1910; m. Feb. 16, 1935 to Paul Woll b. Sept. 14, 1900; d. May 16, 1950. Children:
    1. Paul Lynn b. Dec. 19, 1943
    2. Sandra Jeanne b. April 8, 1946
  - II. Lucille Clara b. Oct. 16, 1914; m. June 30, 1946 to Walter Bellin b. July 1, 1915. Children:
    1. Dorothy Jean b. July 2, 1949
    2. Melinda Sue b. Sept. 19, 1951
  - III. Ellen Louise b. July 18, 1925; m. July 25, 1943 to Lester Edward Tietjen b. April 22, 1920. Children:
    1. Janet Kathryn b. Nov. 5, 1944
    2. Bruce Edward b. Oct. 13, 1947

#### **The Huldah Schaller-Schneider Family Tree**

- Huldah S. b. Sept. 13, 1882; d. Jan. 18, 1954; m. May 20, 1914 to Charles Schneider b. Feb. 3, 1881. Children:



- I. Miriam b. Dec. 19, 1914; m. July 17, 1937 to Arthur J. Seiple b. Jan. 1, 1907. Children:
  1. Sharon Elaine b. May 31, 1938
  2. Shirley Linn b. Aug. 29, 1939
  3. Gene Arthur b. Aug. 18, 1940
  4. Joanne Sue b. Nov. 11, 1942
  5. Diane Lois b. July 21, 1955
- II. Charles F. Jr. b. Feb. 21, 1916; m. May 30, 1941 to Jane Alice Miller b. Aug. 15, 1913. Children:
  1. Susan Jane b. Feb. 25, 1942
  2. Janet Elizabeth b. July 18, 1948

#### **The Grover Schaller Family Tree**

- Grover L. b. Nov. 3, 1884; m. April 18, 1914 to Amanda L. Rippberger b. May 22, 1885. Children:
- I. Stanley Carl b. June 28, 1916; m. March 21, 1945 to Mary Elizabeth Smith b. May 12, 1910. Children:
    1. Stuart Carl b. May 8, 1946
    2. Patricia Ann b. July 27, 1949
    3. Stephen Edward b. Aug. 30, 1950
    4. Sarah Elizabeth b. Dec. 31, 1951
    5. Julia Mary b. June 22, 1953
    6. Ellen Marie b. May 20, 1955
  - II. Dorothy Helen b. April 8, 1919; m. Feb. 22, 1942 to Allen A. Shepherd b. March 20, 1918. Children:
    1. William Allen b. May 24, 1947
    2. Susan Lynn b. May 11, 1948
    3. Barbara Ann b. Aug. 4, 1950
    4. Debra Jean b. Sept. 29, 1955

#### **The Thomas Schaller Family Tree**

- Thomas O. b. May 2, 1886; m. Sept. 8, 1909 to Mable Mooney b. June 25, 1889; d. April 13, 1947. Child:
- I. Lillian b. Nov. 5, 1910; m. Oct. 1932 to Harry Haynes b. March 13, 1908. Children:
    1. Lillian Rosalyn b. Aug. 1, 1933; m. Oct. 22, 1955 to James K. Keller b. Aug. 5, 1929
    2. Loretta Arlene b. Jan. 6, 1936; m. June 26, 1953 to Emmett W. Dingus b. May 21, 1930. Child: Harry Frank b. July 21, 1955
    3. Thomas William b. May 6, 1940
    4. Harry Richard b. Jan. 20, 1942
    5. John Frederick b. June 20, 1943
    6. Kathleen Dianne b. April 12, 1945



## CHAPTER IV

### THE ALEXANDER BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

FERN SCHALLER DE WOLFE\*

ALEXANDER, fourth child of Benedict II and Rosina (Haeni) Schaller, was born on February 13, 1841 in Diessbach, Switzerland. Baptismal papers in the possession of his family show it was performed soon after birth. He was a child of ten years when his parents came to America. They left Havre, France on the sailboat, Saratoga, on October 17, 1851 and arrived in Toledo about November 20, 1851. Research has indicated that the Schallers spent the winter of 1851-52 at the Henry Mandell home on the Avenue Road east of Perrysburg. The next six years were spent in a log house at the Hull Prairie and Five Points Roads. Then the family bought a farm in 1858 on the south bank of the Maumee River, three miles west of Perrysburg which has become the old Schaller Homestead.

Alexander's family know little of his life before 1869. We feel sure that he attended whatever school was in the neighborhood because we find him in later years urging his children to get whatever education they could in those days of limited opportunities. We know, too, that to the end of his days, he enjoyed reading.

Following his youthful years on the farm, we find him in September 1869 operating a grocery store in Perrysburg. The building now occupied by Just Right Cleaners at 112 West Front Street is the same one in which Alexander had his store.

On January 24, 1870 Alexander was united in marriage to Hulda Disher, the eighteen year old daughter of Christian and Susanna Knubbi Teuscher (Disher). When the Schallers came to America in 1851, the family of Christian Disher were also passengers on the sailboat, Saratoga. They had come from Diemtigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland. It is possible that the

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\* Daughter of Frederick John Schaller and granddaughter of Alexander Schaller.





Schallers and Dishers were acquainted in Switzerland. Perhaps the men of the family met in Berne during the Annual Fair. At any rate, we can be assured that after the thirty-one-day crossing of the Atlantic, the two families were well acquainted.

The Disher family settled on a farm two miles east of Whitehouse, Ohio, about ten miles from the Schaller home. We know that the two families visited after settling in America. Alexander's older brother, Frederick, married the oldest Disher daughter, Magdalene, on June 26, 1866. This seems to have established a precedent so far as Alexander was concerned.

The Dishers had four children when they came to America: Jacob, Magdalene, Susanna and John. Hulda had been born three weeks after her parents arrived in Toledo, Ohio, making her birthdate December 6, 1851.

Alexander was at this time ten years of age. The two must always have known each other because of the family ties, but no stories of their romance have come down to us. At any rate we know they began their married life in Perrysburg, living at the corner of Indiana Avenue and Hickory Street, and operating the store at 112 West Front Street.

Alexander's son, Frederick, possesses an old account book which his father used in his store. It contains entries from September, 1869 to February, 1874. It is interesting to leaf through its pages and notice the differences in tastes and prices of those days compared with those of today. Coal oil, as it was always referred to, was evidently a prime necessity of life as everyone bought it. It was also very expensive. It cost 50 cents a gallon. Coffee seemed to hold to a steady price of 25 cents a pound, and one-half pound of tea usually cost 88 cents, but in April of 1870 it soared to one-quarter pound for 50 cents. When we consider the difference in the value of a dollar in those days as compared to the present time, it was quite a luxury. Still there seems to have been quite a demand for tea.

Many pioneer names are recognizable in this old book, but your writer was primarily interested in noting the Schallers. Alexander's brothers, Lewis and Sigmund, are on record for a purchase or two, and his brother, Benedict, visited his store quite often. But it was brother Frederick who was the most frequent visitor. Possibly the relationship between their wives brought him to town more often.

While Alexander was busy among the crates and barrels in his store, Hulda was equally busy at home. The babies arrived



with great regularity, beginning with Alex Jr., on May 28, 1870, and ending with George on August 28, 1875. They, with their sister Clara, born September 1, 1873, comprise the three children of Hulda who lived to grow up. During her brief married life, two other infants were born, but died when very young.

Very little is known about this young Hulda. Her son, Alex, remembers her as brushing her long and beautiful hair on which she could sit. The Disher family was plagued with tuberculosis, and Hulda was one of its victims. She passed away on January 24, 1877, at 25 years of age. She is buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg, beside her husband's parents.

Then began for Alexander all the problems of being a widower. He immediately placed baby George in the care of a kind woman in Perrysburg, and left him there until he remarried. His children, Alex and Clara, lived in the homes of several different relatives. It is rather sad to picture the young Alexander traveling from home to home to visit his orphan children.

We do not know exactly when Alexander quit the world of business to enter that of agriculture again. One wonders if the death of his wife had something to do with it. We know that around this time he bought 80 acres of land on Oregon Road, in Perrysburg Township, about six miles east of town. On the property there was a small log house, in which Alexander lived alone for some time. His children remember that occasionally he would bring one or the other of them to it, keep them for a few days, and then take them back to their foster homes.

About 1880, he built a six-room house on this property. Around this time a new interest came into his life. This was Elizabeth Anna Rothenbuhler, a young woman from Luckey, Ohio. She worked in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Isch, who lived on the Avenue Road, a few miles from Alexander's home. It was their son John, who married Alexander's sister Rosetta. Being well acquainted with the Isch's, he naturally got to know their housekeeper.

Soon we see Alexander and Elizabeth rocking on the front porch of the Isch home on Sunday afternoon, and taking buggy rides around the neighborhood. Elizabeth's small daughter, Annie, lived with her and accompanied them on their "dates."

Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob and Anna (Layman) Rothenbuhler who had come to America from Switzerland about 1855. We believe their home had been in the neighbor-



hood of Berne. So, who knows, maybe Mr. Rothenbuhler went to the Annual Fair at Berne, too. At the time they arrived in this country, they had two children, John and Elizabeth Anna, who at that time was about one and a half years old. Later they had four more children, Frederick, Margaret (Myers), Gottlieb, and Sophia (Burkholder). They seem to have settled near Luckey as soon as they arrived in this country. After a few years they bought a farm on the Pemberville Road (now Route 582) near the intersection of Joseph Road. This farm lay about three miles north-east of Luckey, Ohio. In addition to farming, Jacob operated a black-smith shop on his farm.

Luckey was a completely Germanic settlement in those days and Elizabeth probably heard very little English until she was a grown woman. Her children spoke only German until they started to school. However, this writer of another generation never heard her grandmother speak anything but English.

Elizabeth, being the eldest daughter, always worked very hard in the home, and also did some work away from home, going as far as Toledo for employment at one time. Elizabeth's sisters and two of her brothers established their home in the area around Luckey. Her brother, John, remained a bachelor. Evidently he became curious about the land of his birth, as he returned to visit it when a young man. The enchantment of Switzerland's beautiful Alps drew him back two more times in later life. Each time he remained for a period of several months, visiting the many cousins he had on the other side. He was lavish in his praises of Switzerland's milk and cheeses. Elizabeth's parents, and her brother John are buried side by side in North Troy Cemetery, Luckey, Ohio.

On September 22, 1881 Elizabeth and Alexander went to Toledo and were married. They went to Alexander's new house on the Oregon Road and began to gather in his children. Elizabeth's daughter, Annie, and Alexander's daughter, Clara, were with them the first winter of their marriage. The next spring their first child, Frederick, was born and soon after this young Alexander and George were brought home. Now at last all of Alexander Schaller's children were assembled under one roof. How happy he must have been! Five more children were born to Elizabeth and Alexander, until there were ten children in all.

To this writer of another generation, the united, congenial family Alexander Schaller left behind him seems the finest achievement of his life. Never has the word "half" been used



in the conversation of these brothers and sisters in speaking of one another, and the actions of their lives have proved it has not been in their thoughts.

Alexander was always interested in the education of his children. His older children were forced to walk more than two miles to the Morse School on the Fremont Pike, as there was no school closer to their home. Alexander and two neighbors, Mr. David Lusher and Mr. George Rheim, circulated a petition to have a school built in their neighborhood. They were successful, and the Rheims School came into existence in 1893, one-quarter mile north of the Schaller Homestead. Alexander served as director of the school, along with the other two men. One of his sons remembers that twice monthly the teacher would say to him, "Tell the old gent to send down another \$20.00 order." The teacher's salary was \$40.00 per month out of which he paid \$2.50 per week board and commuted to his home and family in Michigan twice monthly. At some time when he was a young man, Alexander lost the sight of one eye when a splinter of wood flew off a log he was splitting, taking the sight of the eye.

As the years rolled by, the children married one by one until there was only Edward, the baby, at home. And then, as it happens to all men, Edward too fell under the spell of a young lady's pretty, blue eyes. In 1915 he, too, wished to marry. It was decided that Edward and his bride should live on the farm, while Elizabeth and Alexander would retire to a home in Perrysburg. They bought a house on the corner opposite Alexander's earlier home at Indiana Avenue and Hickory Street. The deed of transfer was signed May 4, 1915. They moved into it at once, and it is in this home that all their younger grandchildren, including the writer, remember visiting "Grandpa" and "Grandma."

As the years rolled by, a fresh crop of grandchildren seemed to appear each year, so that any intimate family reunion took on the character of a mass movement of troops. For a time, the grandchildren ran very heavily to girls until it almost seemed the name of Schaller must die out. But all was not lost, and just in time, the tide turned, and more boys began to appear on the scene. There are today a few descendants named Schaller.

When the year 1923 rolled around, Alexander was in failing health, and Anna was finding it difficult to care for him. One of





their daughters, Alma Kautz, had become a widow a couple of years earlier. She decided to rent her home in Toledo. She and her children moved in with her parents to care for them. On April 3, 1924 Alexander passed away in his home at the age of 83. His funeral was held in the Evangelical Church in Perrysburg, Ohio and his burial was in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg. Elizabeth and her daughter, Alma, continued living together until on the morning of September 1, 1939. As Hitler marched into Poland, Elizabeth passed away in Community Hospital, Perrysburg at the age of 85. Her funeral also was held in the Evangelical Church and she was buried beside Alexander in Fort Meigs Cemetery.

And what of all that came after them? Your writer has found that in this year of our Lord, 1957, there are approximately 240 living descendants and in-laws of Alexander and his wives. They are scattered from Florida to California, from Michigan to Maryland, but the vast majority of them still live in northern Ohio, where all their ancestors chose to make their homes. There are among them farmers, teachers, nurses, carpenters, secretaries, real-estate men, factory workers, and photographers. To an overwhelming degree, they are homeowners. They have exercised fully their American right to freedom of religion in the wide variety of religious creeds they have embraced. Twenty-seven of their number have served their country in its last three wars, one of them as a WAVE. As of this time, it seems quite unlikely that the Alexander Schaller family will soon die out.

### **The Alexander Walter Schaller Family**

ALEXANDER WALTER was Alexander Schaller Sr.'s oldest child, born May 28, 1870 in Perrysburg, to his first wife, Hulda Disher (Teuscher) Schaller. He lived a normal boy's life until January of 1877, when his young mother was taken from the family by death. This led to great changes in the lives of her three living children. Each was cared for in a different home. Alex spent most of his time with his grandmothers, Disher and Schaller, and some time with other relatives.

One story told of the time he spent at his Grandmother Schaller's home is that he would drive a cow from the pasture into the river, catch hold of its tail, and get a free ride across the Maumee, then turn it around and ride back. This delight-



ful pasttime came to an abrupt end when his elders observed it from the hill above.

After his father's remarriage, he returned to live with him and his sister and brother, along with the new members of the family. When he was grown, he left again and worked for various farmers.

Around 1895 he married Lena Studder and settled down on a farm on the Oregon Road, north of his parents. At this time he embraced the Roman Catholic faith, and is today a member of Good Shepherd Parish, Toledo, Ohio.

This marriage was blessed with two children, Henry and Francis. It was at the birth of Francis on June 24, 1901, that his wife died, leaving him in circumstances similar to those of his father a generation earlier. Friends in Toledo cared for the new-born baby, but within two months it too died. Mother and baby are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo.

Alex had left the farm soon after his marriage, never to return. The deaths of his wife and baby occurred in East Toledo. Alex was to spend the remainder of his life there, working in various factories, and retiring many years before the time of this history.

Following a couple of years of widowerhood, Alex met Emily Mauter Valenly, a widow with two children, and persuaded her to marry him. She had come to America from Alsace-Lorraine with her parents, Alexander and Brigetta (Monnett) von Mauter, when one and a half years old. Emily is said to have been the great-granddaughter of a German princess. Her father was descended from a royal line in Austria. They were dispossessed when Napoleon overran Austria in 1815, and fled to Alsace-Lorraine. In 1870 Emily's family came to America to escape Prussian military conscription after France lost Alsace-Lorraine to Germany.

At the time of her marriage, Emily had been Mr. Valenly's widow for several years. She had a daughter, Josephine, aged 13, and a son Harry, aged 14. So on November 3, 1904, little five-year-old Henry acquired a wonderful new mother with a bonus of a brother and a sister. A strange, unhappy note of this story is that while the four children born of this new union are all living and prospering, all of the children of their two earlier marriages passed away many years ago.

After living in the Ironville region for about ten years, Emily and Alex bought a house at 40 Greenwood Avenue and moved



into it in May, 1914. Here their children all grew up, and here they lived together until October 15, 1954, when Emily passed away just three weeks before their golden wedding anniversary. She had worked outside the home during most of the years after the children were grown, and had led a very active and useful life. Alex spent a great deal of time in his basement workshop and became very clever at repairing old clocks.

Alex has shown a remarkable degree of indestructibility. As a man of 67 years he received twenty-one broken bones in an automobile accident and spent many months in a cast. Today, twenty years later, he walks as well as any 87 year old man can expect to, and four years ago overcame the effects of a stroke that would have been fatal in most cases.

Alexander Walter had six children. Francis died in infancy. The other five are: Henry, Albert, Helen, Bernard, and Mary.

I. *Henry*, Alexander's oldest son, was born in Toledo and went to public school there. At an early age he enlisted in the Navy, and served two hitches as a Second Class Aviation Rigger. He was overseas when World War I was declared and still overseas when the Armistice was signed. He received his discharge in 1920.

In October of that year he married Anna Beaudry, a native of Toledo. Henry and Anna always lived in East Toledo, and Henry worked as a mechanic in a garage. They were members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

During his service overseas, Henry had received a severe blow on the back of the head. His death in 1937, at the age of 38, was considered an indirect result of this blow. Thus we may properly feel that Henry gave his life in the service of his country. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo. Anna today lives with and cares for her aging father in his home in East Toledo.

II. *Albert*, oldest child of Alexander's second marriage, graduated from St. John's High School in Toledo, and had completed three and a half years of study toward a Liberal Arts degree at St. John's College, when an injury received in an automobile accident caused him to quit school. He later operated his own garage in East Toledo.

In 1930 he married Marie McGrath, whose parents were natives of North Toledo. Marie was graduated from St. Ursula's Academy and then went to work in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Marie and Albert have a home in North



Toledo and are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Albert has, for many years, worked for the City Water Department. Marie, since her family has grown up, has returned to work, and is employed in the credit office of The Home Furniture Company. Albert owns his own airplane, which he keeps in a hangar on Telegraph Road.

Marie and Albert have a family of four children: Donald, Suzanne, Dorothy and James.

1. Donald, the oldest, was graduated from Woodward High School, and then attended the University of Toledo for one year. In 1955 he married Kay King, a native of Perrysburg, in a pretty wedding in Perrysburg Evangelical United Brethren Church. Kay graduated from Perrysburg High School and then went to work in the office of Harper Electronic Laboratory, where she and Donald met. Donald works there as an electronic engineer. They have a baby daughter, Kathleen.

2. Suzanne, the older daughter of Albert, graduated from Woodward High School. She went to work in the office of Harper Electronic Laboratory, where her brother worked. In 1953 she married Donald Hardy, a native of Toledo who had attended Toledo schools.

Suzanne and Donald live in an apartment house they have purchased. Donald works at Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company. They have one small daughter, Jeanne. Suzanne and Jeanne are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

3. Dorothy, the younger daughter of Albert, graduated from Woodward High School, after completing her courses in three and a half years. Soon after graduating she married Bob Collins in a small wedding in St. Michael's Catholic Church. Dorothy and Bob live in North Toledo. Bob works at Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company. They have two small sons, Robert and Gregory. Dorothy and her sons are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

4. James, only unmarried child of Albert and Marie, graduated from Woodward High School. He joined the Marines and is at present stationed at San Diego, California.

III. *Helen*, the older daughter of Alexander's family, gave proof of her energetic nature early in life. Following her graduation from high school, she entered St. Vincent's School of Nursing and received the R.N. degree. She then enrolled at Mary Manse College in Toledo and was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science.





In 1933 Helen married Ned Schwimmer. She decided to postpone further study for a few years. Ned was a native of Detroit, Michigan, who sometimes visited a grandparent in Toledo. One of Ned's great-grandparents on his mother's side was a graduate in music from Heidelberg, Germany. He settled with his family in East Toledo in 1856 and played his melodean in the first log cabin church in East Toledo. Later he was organist for many years in Toledo's Trinity Church. Madame Schwimmer, a cousin on his father's side, promoted and rode the famous Peace Train which the United States sent to Europe after World War II.

Ned went into business with his father as soon as he finished high school. Ned's father is a well-known Detroit sportsman, photographer, traveller and lecturer. He owns two sports and photography stores in Detroit, and Ned has his own camera and photography equipment store on Six Mile Road in Detroit.

Ned and Helen live in Birmingham, a lovely Detroit suburb. Helen is active in the Girl Scouts. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Within the next year or two, Helen feels her family will be well enough launched to allow her to return to school. She plans then to begin working for her Masters Degree in Psychology at either Wayne or Detroit University. It is her ambition to work with mentally retarded children.

Ned and Helen have ten children: Charlotte, Dorothy, Helene, Edward, Carolyn, Jean, George, Paul, Robert, and Alexander. None of them are married, but the two oldest daughters are in training for their careers.

1. Charlotte, the older, spent two years at Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, and then spent her Junior year of college at the University de Dijon, in France. At the time of this writing, she has returned from Europe, and is attending the University of Michigan for her Senior Year of college. Charlotte has been assured she will have no difficulty in winning a Fulbright Scholarship the following year. In that event she hopes to go to Germany for her Masters Degree.

2. Dorothy, won a scholarship to Tufts University in Boston, and is in her second year of study toward a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Allied Sciences. She hopes later to study abroad.

IV. *Bernard*, usually known as "Dick," was the youngest son of Alexander. He attended St. John's High School and



later Waite, from which he was graduated. He took some courses in night school at the University of Toledo in preparation for his life work. Dick is a master steamfitter for Kaighin and Hughes, Inc., and has been in charge of many projects in this area.

In 1933 Dick married Margaret Stewart, a Toledo girl, who had graduated from Waite High School. During most of their married life, Dick and Margaret have owned a home in the South End of Toledo. They are members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church. Dick and Margaret have five children: Rebecca, Joan (Sister Mary Cheryl), Bernard Jr., Harry, and Emily.

1. Rebecca, the older daughter graduated from Notre Dame Academy. She held a position as a Dental Assistant for some time before her marriage. In June of 1953 she married Richard Johnson, in a lovely wedding in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church. Richard is a native of Toledo. He graduated from the University of Toledo with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. He has an office position at Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company. They have three small children: Timothy, Thomas, and Cheryl.

2. Joan, second daughter of Margaret and Dick, graduated from Notre Dame Academy. She is at present a novice in Notre Dame Convent in Toledo. Her name in the religious order of The Sisters of Notre Dame is Sister Mary Cheryl.

V. *Mary*, Alexander and Emily's youngest child, graduated from Central Catholic High School and then completed a secretarial course at Davis Business College. She worked in the office of The Economy Savings and Loan, and then for nine years was employed at the Entroth Shoe Company. For the last two years she has been Secretary to the Vice President in charge of Railroad Sales at The Bostwick-Braun Company in Toledo. Mary and her father live together in his home on Greenwood Avenue. Mary is a member of The Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church.

Mary is a certified swimming instructor, and belongs to the Women's Life-Saving Corp. She has taught life-saving at the Catholic Club.

Alexander's family—multiple interests, mass success!

### The Clara Schaller-Lusher Family

CLARA BARBARA, only daughter of Alexander Schaller's first marriage, was born September 1, 1873 in Perrysburg, Ohio.



Like her brothers, she lived a normal little girl's life until January of 1877 when she lost her mother. As Clara's death occurred just before publication of this history, the writer is able to record the faint memory of her mother which Clara carried through life. She told the writer that she remembered her mother had made her a new dress and had put it on a hanger and held it high in the air for her little daughter to admire. It was evident that this brief mental image of her parent meant a great deal to her.

For the next few years after her mother's death, Clara lived first with her Aunt Rosetta Isch, then with the Dorsch Emch family, and finally with her Uncle Fred Schaller's family. In the autumn of 1881 her father brought her to live in the home he had established on Oregon Road. She now had a sister in her new mother's daughter—Annie.

Clara spent her school years at the Morse School on the Fremont Pike. When she finished her schooling, she worked in several homes in the neighborhood, among them that of her Aunt Rosetta Isch and the Fred Snyder home.

Soon a young man from down the road began calling on Clara, and on April 5, 1893 wedding bells rang out. The lucky groom was William Lusher, son of David and Lavina (Crago) Lusher, who were natives of the area, and whose farm home was a mile north of the Schaller farm on the Oregon Road. After their marriage the young couple began life together on a farm on Tracy Road, a couple of miles from the homes of their respective parents. After a few years they moved to Toledo and never again lived in the country. Within a few years of moving to the city, they bought a new house at 559 Woodville Street, Toledo.

William became a structural-iron worker after moving to the city and followed that trade for many years. Because of it the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1910 where they lived until 1920. Then they returned to the Woodville Street home not to leave it again. For many years Clara worked both inside and outside the home, and remained through the years an active, busy woman.

William passed away on December 4, 1951. Clara lived alone in an apartment in her home until November 27, 1956 when she quietly passed away in her sleep. Clara and William are buried in Lake Township Cemetery in Wood County. Clara and William had five children: George, Bryan, Nellie, Aaron



and Alice—all born in Toledo or its environs.

I. *George*, the oldest son, attended Navarre School in Toledo. After the family's removal to Cleveland, he followed his father's trade, that of a structural-iron worker. When World War I came along, George was in the army. He spent nineteen months in service as a Duty Sergeant of Co. E, 308th Ammunition Train. He saw much action in France and was one of those unfortunates who was "gassed" during that war. In the years following his release from service, George spent some time in Veteran Hospitals in a successful effort to regain his health.

In 1925 George married Ruth Granger of Toledo. For a number of years, they lived in the vicinity of Toledo, and George began farming. He also sold some real-estate. Many years ago George and Ruth bought a farm near Norwalk, Ohio and moved there with their family. Later they were divorced. Today George lives in Plymouth, Ohio and works again at his trade of structural-iron work.

George and Ruth had three daughters: Shirley Delilah, Marilyn, and Georgann. All are married.

1. Shirley Delilah, always called "Lila," was a young girl when her parents moved to the Greenwich area. She attended schools in that district. In 1949 she married Raymond Weber. They live in Galion, Ohio, and have three children: Linda Lou, James, and Jack.

2. Marilyn, after leaving Greenwich school, got a position at Erie Proving Grounds. In 1955, she married William Jones, a native of the area. She is at present living on the farm with her mother, and they accompany one another to work at Erie Proving Ground.

3. Georgann attended school at Greenwich. She married Frank Johnson, a native of the area in 1954. They have two daughters, Cathlene and Ruth. Frank is at present hospitalized, and Georgann lives with her mother and sister and also works at Erie Proving Ground.

II. *Bryan*, Clara and William's second son, was born in 1896 and died in January of 1898 of scarlet fever. He is buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg at the side of his Grandfather and Grandmother Schaller.

III. *Nellie*, the older daughter, attended school in Toledo and Cleveland. She took a course at a business college in Cleveland and worked as a stenographer in a bank before her mar-





riage. In 1921 Nellie married Raymond Finucan, a native of Cleveland. Raymond had attended Central High School there and worked as a bank clerk.

Nellie and Raymond spent most of their married life until the last five years in the Toledo area. As Raymond has been a Real-Estate Broker most of his life, the family moved frequently, attesting to his success in selling houses. Several years ago Raymond retired from active business; he and Nellie retired to their home at Boynton Beach, Florida.

Nellie and Raymond had four children: Jeanne, Helen—who died in infancy, Raymond and James.

1. Jeanne, their daughter, graduated from DeVilbiss High School. She attended Davis Business College and then took a position as a Government Stenographer at Erie Proving Ground Ordnance Depot, near Port Clinton, Ohio. Later she decided to go to California. There romance crossed her path.

Jeanne met James Bass. They were married in 1945. James, a native of Oklahoma, had chosen to adopt the climate of Southern California. He is a graduate of U.C.L.A. and of its law school.

Jeanne and James live in Tiejunga, California, and James is an attorney. They have one son, James Jr. They attend the Methodist Church.

2. Raymond, the older son of Nellie and Raymond, graduated from DeVilbiss High School in Toledo. He became old enough for service late in World War II, and served as a Seaman First Class in the Navy. After returning to civilian life, he enrolled at the University of Toledo and graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. His specialty was architecture; he is today associated with Betz and Bankemper & Associates, Toledo architects.

While at the University, Raymond had as a classmate, Joanne Birkenkamp, daughter of Herman Birkenkamp, a well-known Toledo mortician. She was a graduate of DeVilbiss High School. Raymond and Joanne were married while still in college and received their degrees together. Joanne has a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

After returning to civilian life, Raymond took some special classes, and is today a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve. Joanne and Raymond have a home in West Toledo. They are members of Glenwood Lutheran Church. They are also members of the



Y.M.C.A. They have four young children: Gail, Gary, Bruce and Timothy.

3. James, younger son of Nellie and Raymond, is still a high school pupil, and is always anxious to return to his classmates in Florida after a summer in Toledo.

IV. *Aaron*, Clara and William's youngest son, attended Navarre School in Toledo and a Business College one year in Cleveland. During World War I Aaron served in the Navy, all of his service being in the United States. Aaron, too, chose to be a structural-iron worker.

In 1924 he married Marion Carpenter in Cleveland. She is a native of Pennsylvania. Marion and Aaron spent their married life in Cleveland and Toledo.

In the early 1940's, Marion and Aaron were divorced; Ralph and Thelma Joanne, their two younger children, came to Toledo to live with their grandmother, Clara. Ronald went to Cleveland with his mother. Aaron had advanced in his work to the position of foreman at this time. His new responsibilities required him to travel about the country a great deal.

In 1944 Aaron married Esther Erlandson, who had come from Sweden as a young girl. They were married in Cleveland. Esther and Aaron lived in Seattle, Washington for a time. Then they were sent to North Carolina. In recent years they have been living in Huron, Ohio where Aaron's two living brothers now are established. Aaron followed his trade until a few months ago, when failing health dictated an easier line of work. Recently Esther and Aaron took a position as caretakers on an estate in New Jersey. They have found it pleasant work, well suited to Aaron's strength.

Aaron and Marion had three children: Ronald, Thelma Joanne, and Ralph.

1. Ronald, Aaron's older son, was born in Toledo, and lived in that city and Cleveland all of his life. He graduated from Heights High School in Cleveland. His father's trade beckoned him, and he became a structural-iron worker. As he was at work on a downtown building in Cleveland one November day in 1954, he fell 40 feet to the pavement. He lived one week, but could not overcome his grave injuries.

Seven months before his death, Ronald married Grace West, a native of Beaver, Ohio. Grace works today as a beauty operator in Cleveland. Ronald and Grace were immersed in



happy dreams of the new home they hoped to have, when his death in 1954 ended them.

2. Thelma Joanne, always called Joanne, as a young girl went to live with her grandmother, Clara Lusher, and was graduated from Waite High School in Toledo. She entered nurses training at Providence Hospital in Sandusky, Ohio, under the U. S. Nurses Cadet Corps. She had completed two and one-half years of her three-year course when she met William Wechter and married him.

William is a native of Huron, Ohio. He was graduated from Huron High School. He is co-owner, with his brother, of the Huron Dairy, and has always worked there. During World War II he served in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserves.

Joanne and William have a home in Huron. They are members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, and are active in its social activities. William is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Sandusky. They are the parents of four children: John, Joan, Jean, and Mark.

3. Ralph, attended grade school in Toledo and was graduated from high school in Huron. He married Jane Dietrich, a Cleveland girl. Ralph and Jane live at Rye Beach, near Huron, and Ralph is an oiler by trade.

They have four children: Jerry, Gail, and twins, Jimm and Kimm.

V. *Alice*, Clara's youngest child, was still a young child when the family moved back to Toledo from Cleveland. She attended Waite High School and then worked for a short time. In 1930 she married Joda Gilreath who was working in Toledo at the time. Joda, always called "Joe," was a native of Pine Knot, Kentucky, who had come to Toledo for employment. Alice and Joe lived in Toledo for a short time after their marriage, then moved to Pine Knot, where all of Joe's family are established. After a few years there, they came back to Toledo.

Alice and Joe have for several years lived in and near Toledo. Joe is employed as a carpenter. Alice is interested in church work in Toledo. They have seven children: Joda Jr., Donald, Caroline Susie, Nancy, Judith, Holly, and Jack. Judith, Holly and Jack are at home with their parents. The other children are not married.

1. Joda, Jr., usually called "Sonny," served a hitch in the Army in the Medical Corp, after leaving school. In 1951



he married Shirley Stacy, a Toledo girl. Except for a brief sojourn in Florida, they have made their home in Toledo. At the present time both are working there. They have two sons, Daniel and David.

2. Donald, the second son, tried out two branches of service after leaving school. He served a hitch in the army, and a hitch in the Navy. In 1955 he married Irene Jones in Hollywood, Florida, where he had gone to work. Donald is a carpenter by trade. Donald and Irene have a young son, Donald Jr.

3. Caroline Susie, always known as Susie, attended Waite High School. She married Billy Croslow, a Missouri farm boy, and went to his family's farm to live.

When Billy was called into service, Susie returned to Toledo and worked. Billy served in the Military Police in Japan. He returned to civilian life last year. He and Susie now live in Sycamore, Illinois, where they are both employed in a factory.

4. Nancy, the second daughter of Alice, married J. D. Venable, of Toledo. J. D. had served in the Medical Corp of the Army before their marriage. Nancy and J. D. have spent nearly all of their married life on the East Side of Toledo. They have one young daughter Robbie Anne.

Clara's tree—it has branched out everywhere.

### **The George Schaller Family**

GEORGE, youngest son of Alexander and Hulda Disher Schaller, was born August 28, 1875 in Perrysburg, Ohio. Such a short period of his life was lived under the care of his mother that he retains no memory of her. Following her death, he was placed in the home of a Mrs. Ross in Perrysburg who cared for him lovingly until his father claimed him in 1882. Then he lived with his family on Oregon Road until he was grown. He attended the Morse School on the Fremont Pike. As a young man he did some work for farmers in the neighborhood.

In 1898 he became a permanent resident of Toledo, working during the summer season as a sailor on the Great Lakes and attending the East-side Business College during its winter term. He particularly remembers one cruise in which he crossed the Great Lakes, sailed up the St. Lawrence, and down the coast to New York City. He continued this busy and interesting life





until 1902. Then he had completed his course at the business college.

Soon after leaving school, he took a job as fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. After ten years as a fireman he became an engineer in which capacity he worked for the next 28 years—six of them as a passenger engineer. In 1940, when he reached the age of 65, he retired, having given the Pennsylvania Railroad 38 years of faithful service.

On May 12, 1903 George was united in marriage to Emma Schnell, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Neuman) Schnell, whose farm home was near the Toledo city limits on Tracy Road. Emma had been born near Montpelier, in Williams County, and had moved with her family to their Wood County home when 13 years of age. George and Emma lived for two years at 322 Glencoe Street, Toledo. Then they built a home at 1661 Oak Street where they lived all the rest of their lives together.

They had no children, but always lived busy and full lives. Both took an active part in many clubs. George became a member of Lotus Lodge No. 625 of the Masonic Lodge in 1918, and of the Yondota Chapter No. 317 of Ohio Eastern Stars in the same year. He is a member of Port Lawrence Chapter No. 176, Vistulla Council No. 108, Eu-Tah Commandery No. 66, and Toledo Consistory 320 Masons. He has passed his 50th year of membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers No. 63, and has for many years been a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers No. 493. Today, in his 82nd year, he spends many evenings at the social and business functions of one or other of these organizations. George has for many years been a member of the Oakdale Evangelical United Brethren Church.

After a lingering illness, in which she received devoted care, Emma died on February 16, 1952, and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Toledo. During Emma's illness she received tender care from a housekeeper, and following Emma's death she stayed on, making the home pleasant for George. She was Mrs. Agnes Baumer Mengel, a widow with several married children, who devoted her life to useful services. She was the daughter of Achilles and Catherine (Reiling) Baumer and had grown up in the area around Fremont, Ohio. She spent her married life in Gibsonburg, Ohio. She had been a widow for a number of years before coming to George's home to care



for Emma. On July 29, 1954 Agnes and George were married in Fremont, Ohio and are enjoying a pleasant life together in the home on Oak Street, Toledo.

### The Annie Schaller-Miller Family

ANNIE MARY, step-daughter of Alexander Schaller, was born on May 30, 1877 near Luckey, Ohio. She was a little girl of four at the time of her mother's marriage to "Alex." Her mother worked in the neighborhood of Alex's home, so little Annie had the privilege of accompanying Anna and Alex on their buggy rides during their courting days. After their marriage, Annie immediately had a sister and playmate in Alex's daughter Clara. Following her schooling at Morse School on Fremont Pike, Annie did some work away from home.

On February 3, 1896 she was united in marriage to Columbus Albert Phillips, son of Alvin Y. and Phoebe (Jackson) Phillips. They lived on their own farm near Dowling, Ohio. Annie and Albert spent their married life in and around Dowling, Ohio. For several years Albert worked on the lake boats as a wheelman. Following years of great hardship Annie resolved to make her own way with her two children. She moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, where she later divorced Albert.

On December 13, 1915 Annie and Lincoln Miller were united in marriage, and thereafter made their home in Bowling Green. Lincoln was a widower with six married children. Annie and "Johnnie," as he was always called, bought a home on East Wooster Street and lived there throughout their lives together. Johnnie was for many years night watchman at Bowling Green State University and Annie often "accompanied him to school." They both felt themselves a part of the school and followed all its activities with keen interest. They also boarded college students in their home, so all around the clock they were surrounded by college students and loved it.

On February 3, 1944 Johnnie died after a short illness. He was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, near Grand Rapids, Ohio, beside his first wife. Annie then moved to Toledo to live with her daughter, Margaret. She lived there the remainder of her life, passing away on July 23, 1950. She is buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg, near her mother. We will not soon forget how often she expressed her joy in the large family of brothers and sisters she acquired by her mother's marriage to Alex. She was truly their sister.



Annie was through most of her life a member of The Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Bowling Green, Ohio and attended many summer camp meetings in several states.

Annie had two children: Margaret and Alvin.

I. *Margaret* grew up in Bowling Green where her mother had moved while Margaret was a young girl. She attended Seventh-Day Adventist and Public Schools. She was graduated from Bowling Green High School.

Margaret worked in the offices of the Bowling Green Telephone Company. While there, she met and married Russell Croft, a native of Toledo, who was a lineman-boss for the company. When World War I came along, Russell went into the army and became a Sergeant. Some years after the war, Margaret and Russell were divorced.

Margaret went to Toledo to live. She met John Dzialok, and they were married in 1936. John was native of Toledo, and had gone to school there. Margaret and John have always lived in Toledo, and today have a home on the East side. During World War II John served as a Sergeant in Transportation in the army. He spent nineteen months in India, transporting Hi-Octane Gas to air bases.

John and Margaret now live alone, after having had Annie with them for several years. John works at Willys-Overland Motor Company. John is an Eagle, and Margaret is a member of its auxiliary. John also belongs to the Polish National Alliance.

II. *Alvin* attended Seventh-Day Adventist School and Public School in Bowling Green. When a young man he lived with Margaret in Toledo for a short time, and then went to Fort Wayne, Indiana to attend a Chiropractor College. After receiving his diploma, he opened an office at Summit and Cherry Streets in Toledo. Later he had one on the East Side. One of his patients was pretty Julia May Hinkle. She was a Toledo girl, who had attended Waite High School. Soon Alvin and Julia were married and established a home on the East Side. When Alvin Jr. was six months old, Julia died and was buried in Willow Cemetery, Toledo.

They had four children: Betty, Margaret; Dorothy and Alvin, Jr.

Alvin then married Marie Stewart, a Toledo girl. Two children were born to them—Richard and Jackolyn. Marie and her children were members of St. Francis de Sales Roman Cath-



olic Church. Alvin had started working for the Chevrolet Company in its Toledo plant after his second marriage. In 1936 he was transferred to the Saginaw, Michigan plant. Some time later Alvin and Marie separated. She and her two children returned to Toledo, and their parents were later divorced.

In 1945 Alvin married Mildred Hanier, a Saginaw girl. She attended Saginaw High School and was a beauty operator. Alvin by this time had left the Chevrolet plant and had his own roofing and siding business. Finding that the cold Michigan winters were unpleasant for one in the roofing business, Alvin and Mildred moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they have again gone into the roofing business. They have three young sons: Donald, Gary and David.

Six of Alvin's children are adults, and five of them are married. Following is a resume of their lives.

1. Betty, his oldest daughter, was about twelve years old when her father moved the family to Saginaw. Betty attended Saginaw High School. She married Edward Konefko, a graduate of Saginaw High School. Betty and Edward always lived in Saginaw. They had three children: Edward Jr., Kenneth, and Sandra.

Betty divorced Edward last year. She and her children live in their home, and Betty takes care of a completely helpless polio patient who lives in the same block. Betty and her children are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

2. Margaret remained in Saginaw with her father until she had completed three years of high school. Then she returned to Toledo and lived with her Aunt Margaret and attended Davis Business College. After completing her course, she took a position at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. While working there she also attended Dayton Co-Op High School from which she was graduated.

Margaret married Joseph Cook in 1946. At the time of their marriage, Joseph was a Lt. JG in the Merchant Marine. He had been born in Toledo and was graduated from Waite High School. He attended Officers Candidate School in New London, Connecticut.

After Joseph's release from service, he and Margaret returned to Toledo, where they now own a home on the East Side. Joseph works at the Sun Oil Company and Margaret is a bookkeeper in the City Auditor's Office. She hopes to become a court reporter. Margaret and Joseph have three sons: Joseph,





Jr., Robert, and Richard. They are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church.

3. Dorothy, the next daughter, has spent nearly all of her life in Toledo. She lived with her Aunt Margaret and attended Waite High School. She married Jerry Kmotorka a Toledo boy. Jerry works at Willys-Overland Motor Company. They have a new home in the South End. The family is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church. They have two daughters, Sandra and Robin.

4. Alvin, Jr., spent almost his entire life until he went into service, with his Aunt Margaret. He was graduated from Waite High School. He enlisted in the Navy and was a Radio-Technician Third Class. He spent one year in Japan, during the Korean War. Following his release, he returned to Margaret's home and attended the University of Toledo and San Diego State College in California. He is now enrolled at Central Missouri State College, where he hopes to remain to receive a degree in Business Administration.

5. Richard, the son of the second marriage of Alvin Sr., grew up in Toledo, where he attended St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School. He married Gail Oliver, a native of Toledo. Richard was called into service after his marriage, and spent his overseas time in Germany.

Richard is now a switchman on the railroad. He and Gail are members of St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church. They have two children: James and Pamela.

6. Jackolyn, Alvin's youngest daughter, grew up in Toledo and attended Waite High School. She married Alford Gomez, who came to Toledo from the South. Alford is a seaman on the Great Lakes. They are members of St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church. They have two small children: Dawn and Joseph.

Annie's family—thriving in the sixth generation.

### **The Frederick John Schaller Family**

FREDERICK JOHN, the first-born child of Alexander's second marriage, was born March 20, 1882. He was named after his mother's brothers, Frederick and John Rothenbuhler. He never lacked playmates as his older half-brothers and sisters had all been gathered into the home while he was still a small baby.

When Frederick reached school age, he walked with the older children to Morse School on the Fremont Pike. After a



couple of years the Rheims School, which his father had been instrumental in having built, opened. He finished his primary education there, a quarter mile from home. Their father urged his children to get as much education as was available to them in those rugged times, so for the next three years Frederick, accompanied by his brother Jacob, again attended Morse School, which had added some slightly more advanced studies to its curriculum.

As a young man Frederick was often able to work away from home, as Jacob was just a year and a half younger and carried on the home duties. He worked one season for Fred Isch on his threshing machine, and several seasons for Elmer Goodman on his hay-baler.

Among his close boyhood friends were the Reitz boys who lived one mile north of the Schallers. They had a youthful aunt who lived in Toledo, but who often visited her older sisters Mrs. George Reitz and Mrs. Edward Weseman. One night she accompanied the Wesemans to a box social at Hobart School. Frederick was there too, as he seems to have been at all festive occasions, and asked if he might take her home.

She was Ella Frances Snyder, daughter of Benedict and Sarah (Crago) Snyder. Her parents had been among those who had cleared the land and settled on the Oregon Road, one and three quarter miles north of the Schaller farm in 1855. Her father had come to America from near Berne, Switzerland in 1848, where he had known some of the Schallers. He opened a cooper shop in Moline, Ohio. Her mother, descended from early Pennsylvania Dutch settlers, was the teacher in the Moline School, across the road from the cooper shop. Romance blossomed and their marriage followed. Ella was their youngest child, born after most of their family was grown. She was just twelve years old when her father retired and moved to Toledo, so Fred carried on his courtship in East Toledo. Fred and Ella were married there on May 10, 1905.

They moved into a house on the Avenue Road across from the land which Fred's parents had bought in April 1904. Fred farmed it. Two years after his marriage, his parents built a house and barn on this land and Fred and Ella moved onto this farm. They spent all the rest of their lives together in this home, and bought it from his family in 1924. Fred and Ella had one daughter, Fern, whose fate it has been to be the writer of the Alexander Schaller family history.



Fred was interested in local affairs and served a few terms as director of Hobart School. He also served on the election board a few years. On April 7, 1953 Ella passed away after several years of invalidism. She is buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg where all her family rest. Fred has since moved to Maumee to the home of his daughter, where he has been of considerable assistance to her in writing this family history. Fred is a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Toledo.

I. *Fern*, only child of Frederick and Ella, was graduated from Perrysburg High School. She attended the University of Toledo one year. In 1933 she married Delbert Hart, a native of Middleport, Ohio. One daughter, Yvonne, was born to them. Fern and Delbert were divorced in 1935. Delbert was killed in an industrial accident in 1950.

During the late 1930's, Fern took a Secretarial Course at Davis Business College in Toledo. She worked as secretary to the Treasurer of The Hettrick Manufacturing Company. In 1951, she married William DeWolfe, a native of Toledo, the son of the well-known Toledo Blade columnist, Chub DeWolfe. Both of William's parents came from Fostoria, Ohio. His grandfather DeWolfe was a newspaper publisher and postmaster of the city, and his mother's father, Alonzo Emerine, was the son of the founder of The First National Bank of Fostoria. William is a direct descendant of William Brewster, elder on the Mayflower.

After graduating from DeVilbiss High School, William received his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from The University of Toledo. In 1941 he enlisted in the army, and served until October, 1945 as a sergeant in the Weather Squadron of the Army Air Force. His overseas time was spent in Bermuda. Officers and men in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars are numbered among his ancestors.

Fern and William lived briefly in Bowling Green, but have for several years owned a home in Maumee, Ohio. William works in a Department of Agriculture office in Bowling Green. He is a member of the Elks Lodge and an Artist Club. Fern is a member of the board of the Maumee League of Women Voters, and The Women's Compass Club of Toledo. Both William and Fern are active on local civic committees, and they are active members of The First Unitarian Church of Toledo.

1. Yvonne, only child of Fern, was graduated from



Perrysburg High School. During her Junior year, while on a trip to Washington D. C. with her American History class, she had the unusual experience of being received by Mrs. Harry Truman at Blair House. One of Yvonne's friends had written, asking permission for herself and several friends to pay their respects to the President's wife. To their astonishment, they received an invitation, and of course availed themselves of the opportunity to meet Mrs. Truman.

Yvonne attended the University of Toledo one year. She received a Secretarial Diploma from Stautzenberger Business College, and worked a year as secretary to the Manager of The Prudential Insurance Company of Toledo.

One week before Christmas of 1954, Yvonne married George Campbell in an evening wedding in The First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg. George, whose parents are Perrysburg residents, had graduated from the high school there, and it was there that he and Yvonne met. George enlisted in the navy in 1952 and served as a Second Class Photographer in the Atlantic Fleet Camera Party. Following their marriage, Yvonne and George lived in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was stationed. Yvonne held a secretarial position under Civil Service while there.

Following George's release from the navy in December 1955, they moved to Santa Barbara, California where George attends Brooks Institute of Photography, and works after school. Wherever they live, Yvonne and George are active members of the Presbyterian Church. They have one young daughter—Pamela Jo.

Frederick's family—small tree, but it may grow.

### **The Jacob William Schaller Family**

JACOB WILLIAM, the second son of Alexander and Anna Schaller, was born October 28, 1883. He is named for his grandfather, Jacob Rothenbuhler. When he became of school age, he went with his brother Frederick to the Morse School on the Fremont Pike, a long walk for two little boys. In 1893 Rheims School was built near their home and they both went there to school until they were grown. Jacob then went back to Morse School, along with Frederick, where they received the best in higher education the community had to offer at that time. After finishing his schooling, Jacob worked a short time for





Frank Lusher on his hay-baler, but spent most of his time working his father's farm.

On January 6, 1906 Jacob married Mary Anna Hahn, daughter of Fred and Anna (Hahn) Hahn. Anna had been raised on her father's farm two miles from Perrysburg on the Avenue Road. Her parents had been natives of the area.

Following their marriage, Jacob and Mary lived in a house across the road from his parents and he continued to do his father's farming. In a couple of years he was able to rent the farm beside his father's. He lived there until 1913 when he moved to a farm one mile north on the Oregon Road. After a few years he bought this farm where he has lived to the present time.

Jacob and Mary had four children, three daughters and a son. During the tragic influenza epidemic of 1918, Mary was a victim, dying on December 13, 1918, a couple of weeks before her 33rd birthday. She is buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg.

After several years of being a widower, with all the attendant troubles of trying to raise four children with only the help of housekeepers, he remarried. This time he chose Audrey E. Wagoner for his bride. She was the daughter of Samuel and Carrie (Metzger) Wagoner, natives of the area around Stony Ridge, Ohio. Her father had been an orphan from an early age as his father had died in the Civil War, fighting for the cause he believed to be right. She was raised on her parents' farm home on the Fremont Pike two miles west of Stony Ridge, and attended Perrysburg High School. Jacob and Audrey were married on October 25, 1923. Audrey came to live at the home on Oregon Road and became a mother to his four children. Jacob and Audrey had four children of their own, two sons and two daughters.

Jacob has had children continuously in school from 1914 until nearly the present time, when his youngest daughter graduated from high school. He has had ample reason to be interested in the progress of schools in the area. He was the director of Rheims School, following in the footsteps of his father, when it was still in existence, and served many years on the School Board of Glenwood School, several of them as President, after this consolidated school came into existence.

Jacob today lives in retirement, following a successful fight



with serious illness, with his young family as companions, and his older family as frequent visitors. Jacob and Audrey are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stony Ridge.

Jacob has eight children: Velma, Viola, Orville and Hilda are children of the first marriage and Lloyd, Ruth, Glenn and Jane are children of the second marriage.

I. *Velma*, Jacob's and Mary's oldest child, was raised on the family farm and attended Perrysburg High School. She worked for several years in Perrysburg, and then married Clinton Simmons of that town. Clinton's parents were also natives of Perrysburg and he attended school there. Velma and Clinton always lived in and near Perrysburg until a couple of years ago, when they bought a home in the country near Dunbridge, Ohio. Clinton is an electrician at Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.

Two sons, Charles and Douglas, died at birth. Their son, Gerald, is now a young man and lives at home with his parents. He and his mother are members of the Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg.

II. *Viola*, the second daughter, graduated from Perrysburg High School and attended Davis Business College in Toledo. For a time she lived with her Uncle George Schaller, and helped care for his wife during her long illness. In 1933 she married Norman Nollenberger. Norman had been born and reared near Stony Ridge, Ohio and had gone to school there. His parents were natives of that area. He and Viola have always lived near Perrysburg, and for many years have owned a home on Sixth Street. Norman is a crane operator at Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Rossford plant.

After eleven years of marriage, Viola and Norman were overjoyed to welcome their daughter, Mary Ellen, into their household. They are members and regular attendants at the Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg.

III. *Orville*, always known as "Pete," also attended Perrysburg High School. He worked at various places in the vicinity of Perrysburg and in 1935 married Melva Donaldson, a native of that town. Until a year ago, they lived in and near Perrysburg; they then built a home in Bowling Green where they now live. Pete has been an employee of the A. B. Caple Company for many years. Pete and Melva have three daughters, Patsy, Lynn and Marlene. They are members of the Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg.

IV. *Hilda*, the third daughter, attended Perrysburg High



School. She worked in that town, and in 1934 married Earl Oakley, a native of Perrysburg. For many years she and Earl had a home in Perrysburg, but about ten years ago the Amino Products Company, for whom Earl works, transferred him to California. Hilda and Earl now have a modern western home in Campbell, a small town near San Jose, California. Hilda has a step-son, Earl Jr., who is married and lives in Toledo with his family. Hilda and Earl have crossed the country many times in order to visit their families.

V. *Lloyd*, oldest child of Jacob and Audrey was graduated from Perrysburg High School. In 1948 he married Rose Martin, a graduate of Lake Township High School. Her parents have always lived in that district. Before her marriage, Rose worked in Toledo. Lloyd and Rose lived for a short time near Perrysburg, and then moved to a farm near Jerry City, Ohio, in Portage Township, where they have since lived and farmed. They have two small daughters, Janet and Karen.

Lloyd and Rose are active in community affairs and belong to a Farm Bureau Advisory Council. Lloyd is Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School at Hope Lutheran Church which they all attend. Both Lloyd and Rose have been plagued by serious illness in the present year, but are now happily on the mend.

VI. *Ruth*, Jacob's fourth daughter, was graduated from Perrysburg High School. She has worked in the offices of the Rossford Ordnance Depot as a supervisor for several years. In September of 1956, Ruth married John Androvich, a native of Wood County. John graduated from Macomber High School in Toledo. He served as a Corporal in the army from 1951 to September of 1953 in the front lines of the war in Korea. He was one of the very few members of his company to return alive, and received a government citation.

Ruth and John live in a trailer near her parents. John is an employee of The National Biscuit Company. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stony Ridge.

VII. *Glenn*, the youngest son, was graduated from Perrysburg High School. He lives at home with his parents. Due to his father's recent illness he does all the farming. In addition, he works full-time at Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company. This heavy schedule, plus a romance, keep Glenn a very busy young man indeed. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stony Ridge.



VIII. *Jane*, youngest grandchild of Alexander Schaller, was born thirteen years after his death. She was graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1955. She lives at home and works in the offices of the Rossford Ordnance Depot. She is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stony Ridge.

Jacob's family, both young and a little older, good citizens!

### The Matilda Schaller-Mandell Family

MATILDA SOPHIA, oldest daughter born to Alexander and Elizabeth Schaller, put in her appearance on December 5, 1885 at the family home on Oregon Road. Her middle name was given her in honor of her mother's sister, Sophia Burkholder.

She was the first of the family to reach school age in time to attend the new Rheims School throughout her school years, and thus was spared the long walk the older children had been forced to take to the Morse School. After she finished school, she worked for a time in Toledo.

In the crowd of young people that often congregated in the neighborhood, there was a young man named Raymond A. Mandell. He was a grandson of the Mr. Henry Mandell who had opened his home to the Schaller family in the winter of 1851-52 when they had first come to America. This farm was located near the intersection of Avenue Road and what came to be known as Mandell Road, but is today called Glenwood Road. Here Raymond was raised. Raymond's father was William A. Mandell and his mother was Frances (Whitson) Mandell. She had been born in Iowa, where a part of the descendants of her family tree still live. So we see that Raymond had roots deep in American soil.

On November 3, 1909 Matilda and Raymond were married and started housekeeping in Toledo, and then after a year moved to Moline, Ohio where they stayed for another year. In 1912 Raymond was appointed Rural Mail Carrier on Route No. 3 out of Perrysburg, and they moved to that town. In June of 1914 they moved into the new home they had built at 577 East Indiana Avenue where they have always lived since.

After thirty-six-and-a-half years of loyal service to Uncle Sam, Raymond retired from the Postal Service. A farewell party was given him by the patrons of his mailroute in appreciation of the fine service he had given them. Not being of a nature to enjoy idleness, he employs his time doing painting and carpenter work for a wide circle of friends. Matilda is still the





same meticulous housekeeper she has always been. They enjoy motor trips and have frequently visited their Iowa cousins.

Matilda and Raymond are the parents of four daughters: Mildred, Frances, Helen, and Wilma. Their lives have developed as follows:

I. *Mildred*, always known as "Millie," is Matilda and Raymond's oldest daughter. She was graduated from Perrysburg High School and then entered Women's and Children's Hospital (now Riverside) from which she was graduated with a degree of R.N. In the following years she practiced her profession in several communities, and then went to Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. While living there she met and married Kenneth Van Karsen, who worked for a Detroit Oil Company. Kenneth had been born in Temperance, Michigan and attended schools in Temperance and Lambertville, Michigan. His parents later moved to Toledo.

Millie and Kenneth have always lived in Detroit, and have for many years had a home in the northwest part of the city. During World War II, Kenneth served as a Second Class Petty Officer in the navy. He was sent to the Asiatic Pacific area and served in the Liberation of the Philippines.

Upon Kenneth's release from the navy, they returned to their home in Detroit—(Millie had been living with her parents in Perrysburg). In 1946 their son, Kenneth, was born. Recently Millie has returned to her profession part-time, working at Brent General Hospital in order to acquaint herself with the latest developments in medicine. Kenneth is a Mason, and Millie is a member of the Eastern Star. Millie and Kenneth Jr., attend the Presbyterian Church, where Millie is active in its Sunday-School circles.

II. *Frances*, the second daughter, graduated from Perrysburg High School, and then entered Bowling Green State University. She received her two-year teaching diploma. For four and a half years she taught at Lark School in Cottonwood, near Toledo. In January of 1938 she married Russell Swartz and became a homemaker. Russell's family were natives of Perrysburg Township, and he, too, was graduated from Perrysburg High School. All of his family are farmers, and Frances and Russell began their married life on one of the family farms. They have always lived at this place on the Oregon Road and are its owners. They have four active children: Raymond, Connie, Miriam and Paul.



Frances and Russell are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Stony Ridge. They are very active in church affairs, and have held many church offices. They are members of a Farm Bureau Advisory Council. Russell is also a member of the local school board, is Republican Central Committeeman for Wood County, and a member of the Board of Directors of The Perrysburg Grain and Supply Association. The children join their parents in taking a very active part in church and community life.

III. *Helen*, the third daughter, also graduated from Perrysburg High School. She worked in the office of the Perrysburg schools for a time and later went to the Rossford Ordnance Depot to work. She was married to Vernon Snyder, a classmate, in the Zoar Lutheran Church. Vernon's parents, too, were natives of the Perrysburg area. After high school, Vernon attended Davis Business College in Toledo. He went to work for the E. W. Bliss Company in Toledo and is today a Parts Engineer there.

When World War II broke out Vernon was taken into the army. He served as a Technical Sergeant in the office of the Southern Defense Command. Nearly all of his service years were spent in Texas where Helen was able to be with him. They spent three and a half years in Texas. While at Fort Sam Houston, their oldest daughter, Patricia was born.

Following the war, Helen and Vernon returned to Ohio and now live on Oregon Road in Wood County. Another daughter, Sandra, and a son, Ronald, have joined the family. Helen and Vernon are members of Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg and Vernon is its Financial Secretary.

IV. *Wilma*, the youngest daughter, was likewise graduated from Perrysburg High School. She worked for a time at Rossford Ordnance Depot. Then in 1944, she married Floyd Pember, who worked there. For a number of years they had a home in Toledo, Ohio. Three children, Carol, Floyd and Dwight, were born there. Wilma worked as an attendant at The Toledo State Hospital for a time.

Later they moved to Athens, Ohio where they operated a rest home. They now live in Columbus, Ohio, where Wilma is a nurse at the State School. Wilma has a talent for the care of the helpless and aged.

Matilda's feminine branch—they have made their mark on the family's history!



## The Alma Schaller-Kautz Family

ALMA ELIZABETH was born February 26, 1889, in the home on Oregon Road. She, too, attended the Rheims grade school. In 1908 Alma went to Toledo and worked for a short time in a glove factory. During this time she lived with her sister, Clara Lusher. This work proved injurious to Alma's health, so she took a position at the home of Irving B. Hiatt, the real estate dealer, doing housework. At this home she became acquainted with Fannie Cramer, a nurse, and this friendship has continued to the present time. Later Alma worked at the Sol LaSalle home on Glenwood Avenue. She left this position to work in a private dining-room at the Hattersley Apartments on Monroe Street. She thoroughly enjoyed this work, and when the owners went out of business, they invited her to live with them.

Alma declined this kind offer and went instead to work in the General Office at Tiedtke's Department Store. She remained there three years. While there she found that her cousin, Frank Schaller of Waterville, was also an employee. During these years she lived with her brother George and his wife.

On December 23, 1913, Alma married Arthur W. Kautz, a native of East Toledo. Arthur and his five brothers and sisters had been orphaned when little more than children. The six of them had courageously remained together in their home, helping one another as they grew up.

Following their marriage, Alma and Arthur moved into the new house they had bought at 952 Roger Street, in East Toledo. All of their brief married life was spent in this home, and their older daughter lives in it today.

Arthur worked on the T. & O. C. Railroad, now affiliated with the New York Central System. On October 16, 1920 he was fatally injured on the railroad while working. His funeral was held in St. Marks Lutheran Church, Toledo, of which he was a member, and he was buried beside his parents in Willow Cemetery, Toledo.

Alma, with her two-and-four-year-old-daughters, continued living in her home for the next couple of years. Then, since Alma's parents were growing feeble, she moved to their home in Perrysburg to care for them. Within a year her father had died, and she and her mother and children lived together until her mother's death in 1939.

Following her faithful care of her mother, Alma bought



the Finkbeiner homestead on Front Street in Perrysburg, and remodeled it into a duplex. Today, she lives alone in the upper apartment, self-sufficient and helpful to others as she has always been.

Alma is a member of the Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg. She has two daughters, Marilyn and Mardal.

I. *Marilyn*, Alma's older daughter, was in the first grade when her mother moved from their Toledo home to Perrysburg to live with the Schaller grandparents. Marilyn was graduated from Perrysburg High School, and then completed a secretarial course at Tri-State Business College in Toledo. She worked in the offices of Bartley Co. and Libby-Owens-Ford. Later she went to Willys-Overland Motor Company, where she served as secretary for several years.

During World War II she enlisted in the Waves. She was the only feminine member of Alexander Schaller's family in uniform. She worked as a Recruiter in Toledo and Detroit. Following her return to civilian life, she worked as secretary to the President of Willys-Overland Motor Co.

In 1946 she married Donald Brand, a native of Toledo, and son of an old Toledo family that had been active in business earlier in the century. Donald was graduated from Libby High School. He took some night classes at the University of Toledo. During World War II he served as a Staff Sergeant in the China-Burma-India theatre of war. He lived in the interior of India under very rugged conditions for several years.

Following their very pretty wedding in Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, Marilyn and Don went to live in East Toledo, where they have made their home ever since. Don is employed in the Budget Control Department of Willys-Overland Motor Company.

Marilyn and Don have three children: Donald Jr., Shelley, and Brent. They are members of Zoar Lutheran Church, where they take an active part in church affairs. Don is a Mason, and is secretary of The Toledo Public Links Golf Association. In their home stand many trophies which Don has won in both speed-boating and golf.

II. *Mardal*, Alma's younger daughter, was also graduated from Perrysburg High School. She completed a secretarial course at Davis Business College, and then worked for several years as secretary to the Superintendent and Principal of Perrysburg High School and as clerk of the Board of Education.





She then took a position as secretary to the Auditor of Stock Control at Rossford Ordnance Depot. After a number of years there, she went for a short time to the auditing firm of Konopak and Dalton. From this position she went to Willys-Overland Motor Company, where she was secretary to the Director of Public Relations.

In 1954 she married David Moreland. They went to Cumberland, Maryland to live. David was born in West Virginia and was graduated from high school in Ridgeley. He then attended a Business College in Cumberland. He was in service in the army throughout World War II. He was a captain in an Engineer and Ordnance Corp. It was during his tour of duty at Rossford Ordnance Depot that he and Mardal first met. Later, he went overseas and served in New Guinea and the Philippines. David has remained in the Army Reserves, and is a captain in the 398th Ordnance Battalion. David is a Sales Representative for McClung-Logan Equipment Company. Recently he and Mardal purchased a home in LaVale, a suburb in the picturesque countryside near Cumberland, Maryland. They have one young son, Kurt.

David is a member of Rotary, and Mardal and David belong to the National Dinner Club.

Alma's charming family—good citizens too!

### **The Mina Rosa Schaller-Dauterman Family**

MINA ROSA, born December 15, 1891, was the youngest daughter of the Alexander Schaller family. She grew up in the family home and attended the Rheims School. Frail as a child, she later became a healthy young woman. One day she accompanied a group of young people from the neighborhood on an excursion to Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. Fate sent a young man named Earl Dauterman on the same trip. Mina and Earl became acquainted and soon Earl was regularly making the long buggy trip from his home near Portage, Ohio to her house.

Earl was the son of Peter Dauterman and Christiana (Lein) Dauterman. Peter had come to America from Germany in 1868. Christiana Lein's parents had come from Germany when very young children. The sister of Earl's grandfather Lein married a man named Melchoir Weber. The Webers lived on Roachtou Road near Perrysburg at the time the Schaller family came to America, and Alexander Schaller at



one time told his son-in-law, Earl Dauterman, that his family had stayed with the Melchoir Webers for a while after arriving in this country.

The long buggy rides were not in vain, and on September 29, 1909 Mina and Earl were married and went to live on one of his father's farms in Portage Township. They later lived for a time on farms in the areas of Wayne and Cygnet, Ohio, but have for many years lived on Cloverdale Road in Portage Township, Wood County.

Earl and Mina were blessed with nine children, the eldest dying in early infancy. Because of their large family, they had intimate contact with the schools in their area over a long period of time. Earl was an active member of the School Board for many years. He was a member during the time a new high school was planned and built in their area, and did much work on the project. Mina and Earl attend the Methodist Church in their area.

Their eldest child, Fern Vera, died at the age of one month, after contracting whooping cough. She is buried in Portage Cemetery, near Portage, Ohio.

Their eight living younger children are: Naomi, Bernice, Wayne, Galen, Kenneth, Evelyn, Phyllis and Merlin.

I. *Naomi*, oldest living child of Mina and Earl, grew up on the family farm and was graduated from Liberty High School. She worked for some time in Bowling Green, and then in 1935 married Melvin McGiffin, a native of Portage Township. His parents were farmers in the area and Naomi and Melvin have always lived on farms around Bowling Green. Today they live only a mile from the city limits.

Their son Melvin Jr., attends high school there. Their daughter, Frances, is just about three years old. In 1940, just three weeks after the birth of Melvin, a lovely little two-year-old daughter, Annie Laurie, left them after an unsuccessful fight with measles and pneumonia. She is buried in the same cemetery as her Aunt Fern. The little Frances of today greatly resembles Annie Laurie, and has brought great joy to their household.

II. *Bernice*, who is two years younger, was a member of the first class to graduate from the new Portage Township High School. Her father had worked faithfully on the school board that drew up the plans for this new school. Bernice worked for a time in Bowling Green. Then she married Arthur Wulff, who



had been born and raised near Weston, Ohio. He was a graduate of Liberty High School. Bernice and Arthur have always farmed and have lived for many years on a farm about two miles from Weston.

They have three living sons, Robert, Gerald and Dwight, and a daughter, Marilyn. Robert is now out of high school. Another son, Donald, died in 1940 at the age of three weeks. Bernice attends the Mt. Zion E.U.B. Church.

III. *Wayne*, the oldest son of Mina and Earl graduated from Cygnet High School. He later attended the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. For a time he worked on a dairy farm in Bay City, Michigan. In 1941 he became a soldier of Uncle Sam and remained in service until late 1945. He enjoyed one of the most well-traveled army careers of anyone in the family, serving as a Staff Sergeant of Anti-Aircraft in Iceland, England, Germany, France, Belgium and Luxembourg. He saw much action.

After his release from the army, he followed the trade of electrician. He married Doris Janney of Lambertville, Michigan, and has always lived there since his marriage. After her graduation from high school, Doris had worked in the offices of The Lion Store in Toledo until her marriage. Wayne is now an electrician at Libby-Owens-Ford, Toledo, and recently completed a new home in Lambertville. Doris and Wayne have two small boys: Lyle and Jerry. Doris and the boys attend the Methodist Church.

IV. *Galen*, like his brother Wayne, graduated from Cygnet High School. As a young man he worked in various places, and then went to Toledo to work, where he has remained since that time.

In 1941, he married Amber Sanderson, a Toledo girl who had attended Woodward High School. Amber and Galen today own a home on the East Side.

For the past thirteen years Galen has been a Postal Clerk at the Main Post Office in Toledo, and often holds a part-time job in addition to this, so he has little leisure time. Amber and Galen have four children: Raymond, Nancy, David and Daniel. The family attends the Lutheran Church and the older children have been confirmed in that faith.

V. *Kenneth*, the third boy, was graduated from Portage Township High School. Kenneth has not married and lives



with his parents and farms with his father in addition to working the land on his own farm a few miles away. In 1954 he won the Wood County Plowing Contest, and was the fourth place winner in the district. His presence is greatly appreciated by his parents as they grow older.

VI. *Evelyn*, who required special schooling to correct a hearing defect, attended schools in Toledo, going to Lincoln and Franklin. For several years she lived and worked in Bowling Green.

In 1955 Evelyn married Floyd Musser, a baker in a Bowling Green Bakery. They enjoy a pleasant apartment not far from their respective places of employment. Floyd, too, is a native of this area.

VII. *Phyllis*, the youngest girl, was graduated from Portage Township High School, and then worked in the offices of Willys-Overland Motors in Toledo. Later she went to the office of the Rossford Ordnance Depot. Here fate caught up with Phyllis. Charles Cosby, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, was stationed at the depot and the two became acquainted. Charles went overseas later to the Pacific theatre of war, and served as a Corporal in the Army Engineers.

After Charles returned, he and Phyllis were married and returned to his native Atlanta to live. Charles' life-time work has been in the offices of the Southern Railroad. They have built a home in Atlanta and have one son, Russell, and one daughter, Valerie. They are active members of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

VIII. *Merlin*, youngest of the family, was graduated from Portage Township High School in 1950. While there he had as a classmate Elsie Leiby, a former Toledo girl. She had moved into the neighborhood to stay with a relative who was ill. Merlin went to work at Daybrook Hydraulic in Bowling Green. He and Elsie were married the year after graduation. For a year or two they lived in Bowling Green but since their baby daughter required special hospital treatment available to her in Dayton, Ohio they moved to that city.

Merlin is an arc-welder in a Dayton factory. Elsie cares for the daughter, Debra Sue, and a jolly baby son, Mark, who joined them there. Faced with many cares in their brief married life, they have proven to be an extremely gallant couple.

Mina's sturdy branch—good citizens all!





## The Edward Schaller Family

EDWARD CHRISTOPHER, born on March 14, 1893, was Alexander Schaller's last born child. He arrived after father had reached the age of 52. Edward grew up on the family farm surrounded by his older brothers and sisters. He also attended the Rheims School. In fact, according to his sister, Matilda, he attended one day at a very early age. Escaping home supervision, he had toddled to the school a quarter mile down the road and appeared in the front hall calling "Till," "Till," "Till," until the teacher investigated. He knew where the sister who took care of him spent her time when away from home. "Till" took him home, feeling he was little young yet for advanced education.

Being the youngest son, he always worked at home for his father. In 1915 when he wished to marry, his father and mother bought a home at Indiana Avenue and Hickory Street, Perrysburg, to which they retired, leaving Edward and his bride to run the old homestead.

For his wife Edward chose Lyla Clara Weseman, daughter of Edward and Clara (Snyder) Weseman, and a niece of his brother Frederick's wife. She was born on a farm on Oregon Road, one and three-quarter miles north of Edward's home. This land had been cleared off and settled by her Snyder grandparents around 1855 and bought later by her parents. Thus we see that both Edward and Lyla lived settled lives in homes that had been established long before their arrivals on the scene.

They were married on April 14, 1915 at a family wedding in the bride's home, with the bride gowned in the traditional white. They lived all their lives together on the Schaller homestead, buying it from the family in 1940.

On September 18, 1951, Lyla passed away following a long illness in which she had received devoted care. She is buried in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg. After becoming a widower, Edward made his home into a duplex, and today lives alone in the upper apartment and continues to farm the old Alexander Schaller homestead. His only son Dale, following service in the Pacific in World War II, married, and lives with his family in the lower apartment, thus assuring Edward of life and activity in his home at all times.

Edward attends the First Church of Christ Scientist, To-



ledo. His family of four daughters and one son consist of Verna, Irma, Lucille, Doris and Dale.

I. *Verna*, the eldest, attended Perrysburg High School. She worked for a number of years in Maumee and Eagle Point Colony. On September 7, 1940, she was united in marriage to Karl Luft, at a beautiful wedding in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee. Following an Eastern honeymoon, they moved into Karl's family home in Monroe, Michigan where they have since always lived.

Karl is a member of a pioneer Monroe family, his father having run a clothing store there. His father was a captain in the army during the Spanish-American War. Karl is a Mason and Verna is a member of the Eastern Star. They are members of Grace Lutheran Church, of which they were among the founders. In 1946 their lives were made complete with the addition of a son, Richard. Management of the family property and their interest in church and lodge affairs occupy most of their time.

II. *Irma*, the second daughter, was graduated from Perrysburg High School. She worked for a time in Perrysburg. In 1942 she married Melvin Carl who was born in Toledo and raised in Monroe, Michigan. He had been best man for his friend, Karl Luft, and Irma had been maid of honor for her sister at the wedding of Verna and Karl two years earlier. Apparently, this started a trend, and they were married in the same Maumee church.

Melvin's profession is teaching. He is a graduate of Monroe High School, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Toledo, and a Master of Arts Degree from Bowling Green University. He also holds a Bachelor of Education degree from Eastern Michigan College. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, National Honorary History Fraternity.

During the early years of their marriage, Melvin taught in West Branch, Michigan and Port Clinton, Ohio. He has for several years been a high school history teacher and assistant coach at Napoleon High School.

Irma and Melvin today own a home in Napoleon, Ohio and are active in the cultural life of the town. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Melvin is serving as a deacon. Irma is active in the Child Conservation Club and church clubs. They have two young sons, Michael and William.

III. *Lucille*, the third daughter, also was graduated from



Perrysburg High School and worked for a time in Perrysburg. In 1944 she married Arnold Bockbrader in a candlelight wedding in Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, on St. Valentine's Day. Arnold was a native of Portage Township, Wood County, as had been his parents before him. He was graduated from Portage Township High School. For a year or so after their marriage, they lived in Nebraska, where Arnold's work required him to be. They came back to Ohio and lived for a time in Bowling Green, but have for several years lived in Luckey, Ohio, where they own a home.

Arnold is a carpenter, working with a firm in Woodville, Ohio. They had a daughter, Susan, and in 1951 were agreeably surprised at becoming the parents of twins: a boy, Keith and a girl, Karen. Lucille is today the secretary of the Wood County Chapter of Mothers of Twins, and derives much pleasure from their meetings. Lucille and Arnold are members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Luckey and active in church and civic affairs.

IV. *Doris*, the fourth daughter, was also graduated from Perrysburg High School. She worked in the offices of the Rossford Ordnance Depot for several years. A young Sandusky County farmer, Bernard Schultze, persuaded her to change to the role of housewife. Bernard was reared on the same farm as his father before him had been. It is located between Genoa and Woodville, in Sandusky County. Bernard attended Woodville High School.

The pretty evening wedding of Doris and Bernard was held in St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Genoa, Ohio on a snowy February night. They have built a house on Bernard's father's farm and Bernard works long hours at general farming and dairying. Doris keeps busy with the care of three young sons: Larry, Ronald, and Roger. They are members of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Genoa.

V. *Dale*, the only son of Edward, was raised on the family farm and attended Perrysburg High School. He was tapped for the army during World War II and served overseas with the Engineers in the Philippines and Japan. After returning home, he went to work at the Sun Oil Company in Toledo. In 1948 Dale married Thelma Heilman, whose family lived near Perrysburg and who had also attended Perrysburg High School.



Thelma and Dale live in the lower apartment of Edward's home and Dale helps his father with his farm work in addition to doing other farming. He also works at Sun Oil Company. Dale and Thelma have two young sons: John and Donald. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stony Ridge.

This is the story to date of Edward's happy and prosperous family!

*Alexander Schaller had 240 descendants and in-laws.*





## THE ALEXANDER BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Alexander Walter Schaller b. Feb. 13, 1841; d. April 3, 1924; m. Jan. 24, 1870 to Hulda Disher b. Dec. 6, 1851; d. Jan. 24, 1877; m. Sept. 22, 1881 to Elizabeth Anna Rothbuhler b. April 16, 1854; d. Sept. 1, 1939. Children: Alexander Walter, Clara Barbara, George, Annie Mary, Frederick John, Jacob William, Matilda Sophia, Alma Elizabeth, Mina Rosa, Edward Christopher.

### The Alexander Walter Schaller Family Tree

Alexander Walter b. May 28, 1870; m. Lena Studder b. 1873; d. June 24, 1901; m. Nov. 3, 1904 to Emily Valenly b. July 3, 1870; d. Oct. 15, 1954. Children:

- I. Henry Matthew b. July 23, 1899; d. Sept. 4, 1937; m. Oct. 13, 1920 to Anna Beaudry b. Sept. 16, 1902
- II. Francis b. June 24, 1901; d. Aug. 13, 1901
- III. Albert Herman b. Aug. 2, 1905; m. June 18, 1930 to Marie Agatha McGrath b. April 16, 1908. Children:
  1. Donald Francis b. Jan. 30, 1934; m. June 25, 1955 to Kay King b. Feb. 7, 1934. Child: Kathleen Marie b. Sept. 25, 1956
  2. Suzanne Emily b. March 23, 1935; m. Aug. 15, 1953 to Donald Hardy b. Aug. 22, 1930. Child: Jeanne Marie b. Sept. 13, 1954
  3. Dorothy Helen b. July 30, 1936; m. Feb. 20, 1954 to Bob Collins b. Jan. 30, 1934. Children: Robert Lee b. Sept. 8, 1954; Gregory Allen b. Jan. 26, 1956
  4. James Frederick b. Dec. 8, 1937
- IV. Helen Margaret b. March 25, 1908; m. Sept. 4, 1933 to George E. Schwimmer b. July 1912. Children:
  1. Charlotte Mary b. Dec. 18, 1934
  2. Dorothy Ann b. Oct. 13, 1936
  3. Helene Margaret b. July 19, 1939
  4. Edward Christian b. July 25, 1941
  5. Carolyn Wittman b. Aug. 3, 1943
  6. Jean Marie b. Aug. 29, 1945



7. George Wittman b. May 20, 1947
  8. Paul Vernon b. March 19, 1949
  9. Robert Frederick b. Aug. 7, 1950
  10. Alexander John b. May 23, 1954
- V. Bernard Joseph b. Aug. 6, 1909; m. June 1, 1933 to Margaret Stewart b. Dec. 20, 1912. Children:
1. Rebecca Evelyn b. Aug. 17, 1934; m. June 6, 1953 to Richard Johnson b. June 2, 1931. Children: Timothy Joseph b. March 29, 1954; Thomas Joseph b. March 3, 1955; Cheryl Marie b. July 28, 1956
  2. Joan Margaret b. Jan. 10, 1937; Sister Mary Cheryl SND
  3. Bernard Joseph Jr. b. March 12, 1940
  4. Harry Francis b. July 6, 1946
  5. Emily Harriet b. Oct. 25, 1947
- VI. Mary b. March 16, 1911

#### The Clara Schaller-Lusher Family Tree

- Clara Barbara b. Sept. 1, 1873; d. Nov. 27, 1956; m. April 5, 1893 to William Lusher b. Jan. 2, 1873; d. Dec. 4, 1951. Children:
- I. George William b. June 5, 1894; m. Nov. 27, 1925 to Ruth Granger b. Nov. 28, 1902. Children:
    1. Shirley Delilah b. Jan. 18, 1927; m. April 1, 1949 to Raymond Weber b. Sept. 20, 1928. Children: Linda Lou b. Jan. 14, 1950; James Raymond b. Nov. 19, 1954; Jack William b. May 30, 1956
    2. Marilyn Clara b. June 18, 1930; m. Jan. 22, 1955 to William T. Jones b. Jan. 24, 1930
    3. Georgann Agnes b. April 13, 1935; m. Dec. 10, 1954 to Frank Duane Johnson b. June 16, 1934. Children: Cathlene Ann b. Sept. 18, 1955; Ruth Marie b. Oct. 4, 1956
  - II. Bryan S. b. May 31, 1896; d. Jan. 23, 1898
  - III. Nellie Almeda b. Jan. 4, 1899; m. Aug. 6, 1921 to Raymond M. Finucan b. April 21, 1897. Children:
    1. Jeanne Catherine b. Sept. 13, 1922; m. Sept. 22, 1945 to James M. Bass Jr. b. Jan. 8, 1922. Child: James Jr. b. Nov. 9, 1950
    2. Helen b. Aug. 1, 1924; d. Aug. 1, 1924
    3. Raymond William b. March 15, 1927; m. Sept. 4, 1948 to Joanne E. Birkenkamp b. July 11, 1929. Children:



- Gail Elizabeth b. Dec. 5, 1950; Gary Michael b. Feb. 2, 1952; Bruce William b. March 20, 1954; Timothy Raymond b. Oct. 28, 1956
4. James Michael b. Oct. 20, 1940
- IV. Aaron Jay b. April 22, 1901; m. in 1924 to Marion E. Carpenter b. July 17, 1904; div. m. March 16, 1944 to Esther Erlandson b. April 4, 1906. Children:
1. Ronald A. b. Dec. 29, 1925; d. Nov. 18, 1954; m. April 17, 1954 to Grace West b. Feb. 12, 1926
  2. Thelma Joanne b. March 2, 1927; m. May 17, 1948 to William Wechter b. Feb. 27, 1923. Children: John William b. Nov. 30, 1952; Joan Marie b. June 21, 1953; Jean Patricia b. June 17, 1954; Mark Ronald b. June 27, 1956
  3. Ralph Duane b. May 16, 1930; m. Aug. 31, 1946 to Jane Dietrich b. Feb. 25, 1927. Children: Jerry Jay b. May 24, 1947; Gail Lynn b. Jan. 12, 1949; Jimm Duane and Kimm Martin (twins) b. Oct. 10, 1954
- V. Alice Ethel b. Aug. 29, 1911; m. April 26, 1930 to Joda Gilreath b. Jan. 21, 1909. Children:
1. Joda Lloyd Jr. b. Jan. 28, 1931; m. July 28, 1951 to Shirley Stacy b. Jan. 1, 1935. Children: Daniel Lee b. Dec. 24, 1952; David Richard b. Sept. 19, 1953
  2. Donald Gene b. Jan. 18, 1933; m. Dec. 18, 1955 to Irene Jones b. July 6, 1939. Child: Donald Gene Jr. b. Nov. 23, 1956
  3. Carolyn Susie b. March 18, 1935; m. June 7, 1952 to Billy Gene Croslow b. Oct. 1932
  4. Nancy Anne b. Sept. 19, 1936; m. Dec. 26, 1952 to J. D. Venable b. Oct. 1930. Child: Robbie Anne b. Jan. 29, 1955
  5. Judith Alice b. Sept. 15, 1941
  6. Holly b. April 28, 1943
  7. Jack Raymond b. Jan. 6, 1948

#### **The George Schaller Family Tree**

George b. Aug. 28, 1875; m. May 12, 1903 to Emma Schnell b. Dec. 13, 1874; d. Feb. 16, 1952; m. July 29, 1954 to Agnes Mengel b. Jan. 4, 1888

#### **The Annie Schaller-Phillips-Miller Family Tree**

Annie Mary b. May 30, 1877; d. July 23, 1950; m. Feb. 3, 1896 to Columbus Phillips b. May 23, 1875; div. m. Dec.



- 15, 1915 to Lincoln Miller b. Sept. 25, 1861; d. Feb. 3, 1944. Children:
- I. Margaret May b. June 19, 1897; m. July 6, 1915 to Russell B. Croft b. April 4, 1895; div. m. June 6, 1936 to John Dzialok b. Dec. 25, 1906
  - II. Alvin Frederick b. March 19, 1903; m. in 1923 to Julia May Hinkle b. Sept. 26, 1904; d. in 1933; m. in 1933 to Marie Stewart b. Aug. 30, 1913; div. m. June 8, 1945 to Mildred Hanier b. June 17, 1920. Children:
    1. Betty Jane b. Oct. 18, 1924; m. in 1941 to Edward Konefko b. April 27, 1924; div. Children: Edward Jr. b. Feb. 22, 1942; Kenneth b. June 5, 1943; Sandra b. July 14, 1947
    2. Margaret May b. April 3, 1926; m. June 14, 1945 to Joseph Cook b. March 24, 1919. Children: Joseph Jr. b. June 30, 1946; Robert b. Nov. 14, 1947; Richard b. Oct. 13, 1948
    3. Dorothy June b. July 22, 1929; m. Dec. 3, 1946 to Jerry Kmotorka b. March 1, 1924. Children: Sandra Lee b. Feb. 6, 1948; Robin b. June 10, 1954
    4. Alvin F. Jr. b. Oct. 4, 1932
    5. Richard b. April 9, 1934; m. May 8, 1953 to Gail Oliver b. Nov. 19, 1934. Child: James b. Nov. 12, 1953; Pamela b. Oct. 5, 1954
    6. Jackelyn b. Dec. 14, 1935; m. Aug. 22, 1953 to Alford Gomez b. Aug. 13, 1930. Children: Dawn Marie b. May 19, 1954; Joseph Richard b. March 18, 1956
    7. Donald b. March 19, 1946
    8. Gary b. April 6, 1947
    9. David b. May 17, 1955

### **The Frederick Schaller Family Tree**

Frederick John b. March 20, 1882; m. May 10, 1905 to Ella Snyder b. Oct. 8, 1880; d. April 7, 1953. Child:

- I. Fern Ella b. Jan. 24, 1914; m. Nov. 30, 1933 to Delbert Hart b. Oct. 3, 1912; div. m. Nov. 21, 1951 to William DeWolfe b. July 9, 1915. Child:
  1. Yvonne Ella b. June 18, 1934; m. Dec. 18, 1954 to George C. Campbell b. Oct. 4, 1932. Child: Pamela Jo b. Feb. 9, 1957





### The Jacob Schaller Family Tree

- Jacob William b. Oct. 28, 1883; m. Jan. 6, 1906 to Mary Anna Hahn b. Dec. 31, 1885; d. Dec. 13, 1918; m. Oct. 25, 1923 to Audrey Wagoner b. March 21, 1897. Children:
- I. Velma Gladys b. June 21, 1908; m. June 22, 1932 to Clinton Simmons b. July 6, 1910. Children:
    1. Charles b. June 22, 1936; d. June 22, 1936
    2. Gerald Allen b. Aug. 26, 1937
    3. Douglas Lee b. Oct. 3, 1941; d. Oct. 23, 1941
  - II. Viola Anna b. Feb. 18, 1912; m. May 17, 1933 to Norman Nollenberger b. May 29, 1905. Child:
    1. Mary Ellen b. Aug. 23, 1944
  - III. Orville Jacob b. Nov. 6, 1913; m. June 22, 1935 to Melva Donaldson b. Sept. 9, 1917. Children:
    1. Patsy Ann b. May 1, 1936
    2. Lynn Sue b. Jan. 14, 1944
    3. Marlene Kay b. June 4, 1947
  - IV. Hilda Edith b. July 2, 1916; m. July 5, 1934 to Earl Oakley b. Sept. 26, 1906
  - V. Lloyd William b. Sept. 25, 1927; m. Nov. 4, 1948 to Rose Marie Martin b. Nov. 11, 1929. Children:
    1. Janet Elaine b. Nov. 5, 1950
    2. Karen Anne b. Oct. 12, 1952
  - VI. Ruth Jeannette b. Oct. 6, 1932; m. Sept. 1, 1956 to John Mikel Androvich b. Sept. 3, 1928
  - VII. Glenn Edwin b. June 13, 1935
  - VIII. Jane Elizabeth b. Oct. 22, 1937

### The Matilda Schaller-Mandell Family Tree

- Matilda Sophia b. Dec. 5, 1885; m. Nov. 3, 1909 to Raymond A. Mandell b. Sept. 1, 1888. Children:
- I. Mildred Mabel b. Dec. 21, 1912; m. June 17, 1938 to Kenneth Van Karsen b. March 15, 1916. Child:
    1. Kenneth Earl Jr. b. Sept. 26, 1946
  - II. Frances Elizabeth b. March 3, 1915; m. Jan. 18, 1938 to Russell J. Swartz b. Aug. 1, 1915. Children:
    1. Raymond Charles b. Sept. 1, 1939
    2. Connie Jane b. Feb. 27, 1942
    3. Miriam Elizabeth b. Dec. 3, 1943
    4. Paul Russell b. Sept. 21, 1948



- III. Helen Marie b. Sept. 3, 1918; m. Feb. 22, 1941 to Vernon C. Snyder b. Aug. 9, 1918. Children:
1. Patricia Lynn b. April 27, 1945
  2. Sandra Sue b. Aug. 31, 1951
  3. Ronald David b. Feb. 4, 1956
- IV. Wilma Mae b. Feb. 8, 1925; m. July 17, 1944 to Floyd Pember b. Dec. 19, 1903. Children:
1. Carol Jean b. April 30, 1945
  2. Floyd Ray b. July 30, 1946
  3. Dwight Arthur b. May 30, 1948

#### The Alma Schaller-Kautz Family Tree

- Alma Elizabeth b. Feb. 26, 1889; m. Dec. 23, 1913 to Arthur Kautz b. Jan. 14, 1891; d. Oct. 16, 1920. Children:
- I. Marilyn Beverly b. Oct. 23, 1916; m. June 23, 1946 to Donald B. Brand b. June 24, 1911. Children:
1. Donald Bergen Jr. b. May 29, 1949
  2. Shelley Lynn b. Aug. 16, 1950
  3. Brent Jay b. May 25, 1952
- II. Mardal Doris b. Sept. 22, 1918; m. April 3, 1954 to David Moreland b. Feb. 2, 1917. Child:
1. Kurt David b. Oct. 22, 1954

#### The Mina Schaller-Dauterman Family Tree

- Mina Rosa b. Dec. 15, 1891; m. Sept. 29, 1909 to Earl Dauterman b. June 3, 1886. Children:
- I. Fern Vera b. Feb. 23, 1910; d. March 20, 1910
- II. Naomi Lucille b. Jan. 24, 1912; m. Feb. 24, 1935 to Melvin F. McGiffin b. April 6, 1909. Children:
1. Annie Laurie b. Sept. 19, 1937; d. April 27, 1940
  2. Melvin Franklin Jr. b. April 6, 1940
  3. Frances Joyce b. July 7, 1954
- III. Bernice Marie b. Jan. 13, 1914; m. March 1, 1936 to Arthur Wulff b. March 6, 1912. Children:
1. Robert William b. June 15, 1937
  2. Donald Gene b. Aug. 24, 1940; d. Sept. 14, 1940
  3. Gerald Duane b. Oct. 30, 1945
  4. Dwight Paul b. March 22, 1947
  5. Marilyn Sue b. Nov. 1, 1950
- IV. Wayne Deloy b. March 22, 1916; m. Dec. 9, 1945 to Doris Janney b. Feb. 5, 1922. Children:
1. Lyle Wayne b. Sept. 19, 1947
  2. Jerry Penn b. Sept. 29, 1950



- V. Galen Paul b. Oct. 8, 1917; m. May 3, 1941 to Amber Sanderson b. April 23, 1925. Children:
1. Raymond Glen b. Jan. 17, 1942
  2. Nancy Jane b. Oct. 21, 1943
  3. David Paul b. Jan. 31, 1946
  4. Daniel Eugene b. July 30, 1949
- VI. Kenneth Irwin b. Jan. 8, 1920
- VII. Evelyn Mae b. Aug. 3, 1922; m. April 10, 1955 to Floyd Musser b. Feb. 14, 1908
- VIII. Phyllis Maxine b. May 21, 1924; m. Oct. 13, 1945 to Charles R. Cosby b. Jan. 4, 1900. Children:
1. Russell Arlen b. June 16, 1947
  2. Valerie Lynn b. March 3, 1953
- IX. Merlin Dale b. March 19, 1932; m. Feb. 10, 1951 to Elsie Leiby b. April 9, 1931. Children:
1. Debra Sue b. June 11, 1952
  2. Mark Douglas b. Nov. 23, 1954

#### The Edward Schaller Family Tree

- Edward Christopher b. March 14, 1893; m. April 14, 1915 to Lyla Weseman b. Oct. 2, 1894; d. Sept. 18, 1951. Children:
- I. Verna Lyla b. April 19, 1916; m. Sept. 7, 1940 to Karl Luft b. Oct. 12, 1907. Child:
1. Richard William b. Nov. 4, 1946
- II. Irma Marie b. Nov. 22, 1918; m. Aug. 29, 1942 to Melvin Carl b. Sept. 29. Children:
1. Michael Francis b. Dec. 8, 1945
  2. William Edward b. Sept. 23, 1951
- III. Lucille Lois b. Nov. 28, 1920; m. Feb. 14, 1944 to Arnold Bockbrader b. April 14, 1917. Children:
1. Susan Carol b. April 29, 1947
  2. Keith Arnold b. March 29, 1951
  3. Karen Ann b. March 29, 1951
- IV. Doris Arlene b. Aug. 27, 1922; m. Feb. 10, 1945 to Bernard Schultze b. May 21, 1920. Children:
1. Larry Eugene b. Oct. 7, 1947
  2. Ronald Lee b. Dec. 2, 1951
  3. Roger Allen b. Aug. 11, 1955
- V. Dale Edward b. Aug. 12, 1926; m. April 3, 1948 to Thelma Heilman b. April 7, 1928. Children:
1. John Dale b. Oct. 18, 1948
  2. Donald Edward b. May 2, 1953



## CHAPTER V

### THE LEWIS BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

ESTHEL M. ASMUS\*

LEWIS SCHALLER was the fifth son of Benedict Schaller II and Rosina Haeni. He was born September 24, 1842 at Diessbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Diessbach is located twelve miles northwest of Bern, in the county of Buren. He was baptized in Diessbach in the Reformed Church on December 13, 1842 by the Reverend Hany Rudolph. Lewis lived with his parents and six brothers and two sisters. As a young boy he was interested in doing the tasks about the small farm located outside the village of Diessbach which numbered about 300 people. This early impression of farm life served to further a desire to lead the life of a farmer in later years.

Lewis emigrated with his family to America when he was nine years old. They traveled to Havre, France via Basle, Switzerland, Versailles and Paris. They sailed on the large sailboat, The American Saratoga which left Havre on October 17, 1851 for New York. The wind was not always in their favor so they were on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean for thirty-one days. They landed in New York about November 20, 1851. They came from New York to Buffalo by railroad, then from Buffalo to Toledo, Ohio by boat. From Toledo they boarded the canal boat for Maumee and then crossed over to Perrysburg. There they were met by old acquaintances who had been instrumental in urging them to come to America.

The family spent the winter of 1851 at the Henry Mandell farm home, located on the Avenue and Glenwood Roads, east of Perrysburg. In the spring of 1852 the family moved to a log house on the William Savory Farm on the Hull Prairie and the Five Point Roads. The education of Lewis was begun in Switzerland and was continued in the settlement one-room

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\* Daughter of Charley and Mary Asmus and granddaughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Schaller.





school nearby. After six years they moved to what became the Schaller Homestead on the River Road west of Perrysburg which was later purchased by Frank Kazamier. His education was also continued here in a school on what was then known as the Wilson Farm. Lewis was an apt pupil. His penmanship was very legible. His mathematical ability was unusual for those times. We are told he was poorly dressed during those years.

Lewis served his country as a volunteer during the Civil War. He was a private in the 144th Regiment of the Ohio National Guard. He joined the service on May 2, 1864 and served under Captain A. Cook. At Camp Chase, Ohio on August 24, 1864 he was honorably discharged from military service of the state of Ohio, having served as a volunteer for one hundred days. According to the official papers held in the possession of his daughter, Miss Emma Schaller, we have the following information regarding his appearance. "At the time of his enlistment, he was 20 years of age, 5' 9" tall, had a light complexion, grey eyes and dark hair."

After the war Lewis Schaller courted Elizabeth Moser from Waterville. They were united in marriage during the year 1865, when Lewis was 23 years of age. Their first child, Mary A., was born May 12, 1866 at the home of her mother's parents on the Moser Farm near Waterville. Lewis B., the second child was born in Maumee on July 25, 1867. They lived for a short time in the same house with his brother Frederick and Magdalene Disher who were married June 26, 1866 and who then moved to the Conch Farm on the River Road in the spring of 1867.

Seven years had now passed since the Schaller Homestead had been purchased on the Maumee River. Being well informed as a farmer and knowing well how to manage a farm and care for the crops, Lewis naturally turned to farming as an occupation. In order to raise crops, like all early settlers, he had to clear much forest land. He made the timber that was cut down into logs and firewood. He sold some of it to what is now the B. & O. Railroad which ran through the farm. Some of it he hauled to Maumee.

The family moved several times before they established a homestead. They first moved to Stone Ridge between Waterville and Whitehouse, then to the Eddleman Farm on the Fremont Pike where they lived a short time. Next they moved to



the James McGinnus Farm near Waterville. Here they lived in a large log house located about one half mile east of the River Road on the present Elliot Road. Here several of the children were born.

It was while living on the McGinnus Farm that Lewis and his hired man were working at plowing after supper when the hired man gave Lewis some of the wild roots which he had plowed up and insisted that they were good and edible. They were really wild parsnips. Both became very ill and the hired man died in the field. Lewis, however, had the presence of mind to crawl across the fence, milk a cow, and drink a quantity of the milk. This produced a vomiting which saved his life.

From this farm the Lewis Schaller family moved along what is now the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, east of Waterville where they founded a homestead. This farm was about two and one half miles east of Waterville, on what is known as the Charley Croll farm. This land was bought for forty dollars per acre without buildings or fences. Here the family lived in a log house where the last of the children were born.

The children were all baptized by the Reverend Kaeding of Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, Ohio. On this farm were spent many busy but seemingly rather uneventful years by the family.

During these years money was accumulated which enabled Lewis to purchase much additional farm land. He gave up active farming in the year 1904 and bought a property in Waterville. He moved to this permanent home on March 1, 1904. At this time, ice had taken out the Waterville Bridge so it became necessary to move all the family possessions from the farm home to Waterville by way of Maumee. During the years he spent in Waterville, he lived a retired life, attending only to his financial affairs and overseeing the work on his farms of about 400 valued acres.

Lewis enjoyed fairly good health all his life. A heart condition was little suspected, but on June 16, 1908 he was stricken with a heart attack and died, having attained the age of sixty five years, 8 months and 22 days. His funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Waterville, the Reverend Hook officiating. He was buried in the Waterville Cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth Moser Schaller, was born June 12, 1845 and died June 21, 1917. She lies buried in the Waterville Cemetery beside her husband.



The children of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller are: Mary Ann, Lewis B., Elizabeth, Samuel Simon, Emma Rosina, Ellen, Amelia, Clara, Adam Edward, Anna and Frank C.

#### The Mary Schaller Asmus Family

MARY ANN was baptized on March 10, 1878 by the Rev. Kaeding of the Zoar Lutheran Church at Perrysburg. She was confirmed in the same church on Palm Sunday, March 21, 1880. She attended the Middleton School on the Five Point Road, about one-half mile east of where the Charley Croll farm is now located. At that time there were about eighteen children who attended this school.

Mary Ann married Charley Asmus, son of Christian Asmus who came to the United States from Germany the year before Benedict Schaller II arrived. It is interesting to note that Christian Asmus sold seed wheat and grain to Lewis Schaller when he lived on the Schaller Homestead, later owned by Frank Kazmaier.

Mary Ann Schaller Asmus is now ninety years old and lives on the farm one mile north of Haskins, Ohio where she has lived for seventy-three years. Though of advanced age, she remains clear of mind and fairly strong of body. She is a fine Christian woman and is loved and admired by all for her keen mind, her kindly advice and sterling character.

The children of Mary Ann Schaller and Charley Asmus are: Clara Elizabeth, Carl Frank, Alvina Williams, Le Roy Frederick and Esthel May.

I. *Clara Elizabeth* attended school at Haskins and at the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Haskins. She married William W. Miller who is a prominent attorney of Gary, Indiana. He also served as president of the Indiana State Bar Association. They had eight children: Norman Le Roy, Grace Lenora, Ruth Alvina, William Woodrow, Betty May, Margie Ellen, Charles Elliot, Eugene Merton.

1. Norman Le Roy was baptized in the Lutheran Church at Haskins and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Gary, Indiana. He was graduated from the Gary Public Schools. After attending Franklin College in Indiana for more than three years, he took advanced work at Indiana University.

He married Aline Schick from Franklin, Indiana. At present he is a prosperous business man of Rockville, Indiana and is highly respected among a wide circle of acquaintances and



friends in that community. Their two children are: Norine Esthel and Norman Le Roy.

2. Grace Lenore was educated in the schools of Gary, Indiana and then attended Chicago University. Following this she was engaged in secretarial work in the insurance field for six years. She married Jack Phillips of Gary, Indiana. They have two children: Carol Lenore and David Miller.

3. Ruth Alvina was also educated in the schools of Gary, Indiana. She prepared herself to become an office secretary. Ruth married Nelson George, who is the assistant to the chief metallurgist at the Gary Sheet and Tin Mill. Their two children are: Richard Nelson and Sheryl Louise.

4. William Woodrow was educated in the public schools of Gary. He attended Albion College before entering military service. He served his country for five years during World War II and attained the rank of captain. Following his discharge, he was graduated from Findlay College, Ohio. Then he entered law school at Ohio Northern at Ada. Later he was graduated from the law school at Valparaiso, Indiana and then attended Harvard and St. Andrews in Scotland. He is now practicing law in Gary. He married Francis Cox of England. They have no children.

5. Betty Mae was also educated in the schools of Gary, Indiana. She had selected secretarial work as her life's vocation. She was secretary to the coroner and to Deputy Clerk of Lake Township, Gary.

During October Betty went into Minnesota for a vacation. When she arrived at the cabin, she put on the coffee pot and lit the gas. There was a terrific explosion. She was severely burned and died five days later on October 7, 1956.

6. Margie Ellen attended the public schools of Gary. After doing some secretarial work, she married Jay Kiser. She died December 14, 1954. They had two children: Susan Cheryl and Patricia Ellen.

7. Charles Elliot attended Gary public schools. He then served two years in the Air Force in the Pacific Area and in Alaska. He was graduated from the University at Bloomington, Indiana and the law school at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He married Stephanie Casell. Their son Charles Elliot is an only child.

8. Eugene Merton attended Gary public schools. During World War II he served two years in the armed forces. Then





he was graduated from the University of Bloomington, Indiana in June 1955. He is now attending the University of Valparaiso, Indiana where he is seeking a diploma in law. He married Jeane Burns. They have one son: Douglas Eugene.

II. *Carl Frank* was the second child of Charley and Mary Schaller Asmus. He attended the public school at Haskins and later Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana. He pursued farming for a time after he married Olive Anderson from Weston, Ohio. She died a short time after their marriage. Several years later he married Margaret Kortheurer of Toledo.

After farming a few years, Carl spent many years as a salesman in the auto business, having spent most of the time with Loesch Motor Sales, Maumee. They have two children: Charles and Clarence.

1. Charles Arthur was graduated from the Libbey High School in Toledo. He married Claire Vassler of Toledo. He has been a salesman for Loesch Motor Sales Co. in Maumee for several years. He has one daughter: Vicki Esthel.

2. Clarence Keplar was graduated from the Libbey High School in June 1948. Because of a severe and prolonged illness, he lives at home.

III. *Alvina Willanna* was the third child of Charles and Mary Schaller Asmus. She was educated in the Haskins schools and then taught for two years before she married Harold Ross Myers, son of Amos Kling Myers of Waterville. Their two children are: Marian Esthel and Harold Robert.

1. Marian Esthel was educated in the Maumee schools near where her parents live. Then she attended Tuscon University for two years and was graduated from Toledo University. She also did graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Los Angeles. After teaching in Toledo University, she became associated with the First Congregational Church and later with the International Church of the Holy Trinity in Los Angeles, California. She married James W. Warwick. They have one son: Jon Christian.

2. Harold Robert was educated in the schools of Maumee and later was graduated from the School of Engineering at Toledo University. He married Mary Miller of Toledo, Ohio. They have three children: Harold Douglas, Christopher Allen and Mary Elizabeth.

IV. *Le Roy Frederick*, fourth child of Charley and Mary Schaller Asmus, was graduated from Haskins High School in



1912. He married Lillian Heiman. He pursued the occupation of a farmer, having farmed the Asmus Homestead Farm for the greater portion of his life. They have five children: Virginia Ruth, Norman Le Roy, Eugene, Marilyn Ruth and Joanne Eleanor.

1. Virginia Ruth was educated in the schools at Haskins, Ohio. After graduation she attended Davis Business College. Later she worked for several years in the office of the Auto-Lite Company in Toledo. She married Lawrence Sprague of Tontogany. They went to Los Angeles, California to make their home. There she worked in the office of the North American Airlines where her husband was also employed as an engineer. They have one son: Mark Steven Sprague.

2. Norman Le Roy was graduated from the Haskins High School and later from Bowling Green University. He then did post graduate work at Boston University and the university at Ann Arbor. For two years during the war he served as Hospital Corpsman in the navy. He married Mary Onsel from Risingsun, Ohio. At present he is engaged in salesmanship at Risingsun, Ohio.

3. Eugene was also graduated from the Haskins High School and then from Bowling Green University. He did post graduate work at Ohio State and Los Angeles Universities. For two years he served in the navy, after which he married Donna Sprague of Tontogany. He now resides in Gardena, California where he serves as Assistant City Manager. They have one daughter: Pamela Sue.

4. Marilyn Ruth was educated in Haskins public schools. Upon completion of her high school work in 1947, she was employed for a time in an office of the Auto-Lite Company in Toledo. Then she entered San Diego College located in California. She married John Sothros. They have one child: Michael John.

5. Joanne Eleanor was graduated from the Haskins High School in the year 1950. She was employed in secretarial work for a short time. Then she entered Capital University where she was graduated on June 4, 1956. A few days before graduation she was married to Jack Armitage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Armitage of Haskins, Ohio.

V. *Esthel Mae* was the youngest child of Mary Schaller and Charley Asmus. After attending the public schools at Haskins for a few years, she was graduated from the Bowling



Green High School in 1915. Then she graduated from Bowling Green University in 1917. The next year she became a teacher in the Haskin school. She has served the Haskin school for the past thirty-eight years.

Esthel is a member of Wood County Educational Association and of the National Educational Association. In 1937 she was awarded recognition for her superior work as a teacher, by being made a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, which is a National Honorary Society for teachers.

### **The Lewis Schaller Family**

LEWIS B. was the second child of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church at Perrysburg. He married Mary H. Klag. Lewis followed the occupation of farming; he was most capable and prosperous in his work. During most of his life he lived on his farm located on the Hull Prairie Road about three miles north-east of Haskins. After twenty years of married life, his wife, Mary died. They had two children: Elmer and Ralph A.

I. *Elmer* died in early childhood.

II. *Ralph A.* attended school (grade) in Middleton Township. He then graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1918 and from Bowling Green University with a B.A. degree. Later he received his Masters degree from Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio. He married Doris Dewese.

Ralph served as Principal in the schools at Haskins and Waterville. He then taught in the Bowling Green High School and also served as instructor in Biology at Bowling Green State University. He might be called the Founder of Science Day at this university. It was while serving at this university and as he was about to receive his Doctors Degree from Ohio State University that he was stricken with leukemia and died.

While his life was a comparatively short one, it served as a shining example to all who knew him. His calm, pleasing, patient disposition was recognized by every one. It could well be said of him, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." He compiled the original history of the Lewis I. Schaller family. For several years he served very successfully as president of the Schaller Reunion.

Ralph had two children: Wendell and Ann.

1. Wendell was educated in the Bowling Green schools and then spent five years in studying forestry at the university of



Lansing, Michigan. From this university he obtained his B.S. and Masters degrees in forestry. He now is Assistant State Forester at Shawnee State Park outside of Portsmouth, Ohio. He married Ruth Ann Harkneff.

2. Ann Schaller was educated in the Bowling Green schools and obtained the B.A. degree from Bowling Green State Univeristy. She has been a teacher in the second grade of Sylvania schools for the past two years.

### The Elizabeth Schaller-Miller Family

ELIZABETH SCHALLER, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller, attended school in Middleton Township. She spent her girlhood at the family home near Waterville. She married Frederick J. Miller. During much of their married life they lived on a farm north of Haskins. Their three children are: Marie Elizabeth, Emma E. and Lulu.

I. *Marie Elizabeth* died in infancy.

II. *Emma E.* grew to young womanhood on a farm north of Haskins. She attended school at Waterville and later the Stautzenberger Business School in Toledo. She moved with her parents to Haskins.

She married Arthur R. Long. They became successful farmers, having acquired farms at Haskins and Grand Rapids. There were no children.

III. *Lulu A.* spent her girlhood on her parents' farm north of Haskins. She attended the schools at Waterville. She kept house for her father in Haskins for some time after the early death of her mother.

Lulu Anna married George C. Emmerich, a farmer. They moved to her father's farm east of Haskins. Here their two children were born, Josephine Elizabeth and Donnie Marie. Both girls were graduated from the Haskins schools and are employed in the business world at Monroe, Michigan.

### The Samuel Schaller Family

SAMUEL SIMON grew to manhood on the Lewis Schaller Homestead. Like his brothers and sisters, he attended the Middleton Township School. He and his older brother, Lewis, helped the father clear the farm of trees and stumps so crops could be grown. He lived all his life in the vicinity of Waterville.

He married Clara C. Winter. They resided on a farm located across the bridge from Waterville. He is a prosperous





farmer and a valued member of his community. They had four children: Myrtle Mae, Helen Ruth, Louise Elizabeth and Merlin Samuel.

I. *Myrtle Mae* married Leonard A. Ricks. Their present home is in Detroit, Michigan.

II. Helen Ruth married Lawrence L. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams of Tontogany. They reside on a farm near Tontogany. Their children are: Elton Lewis and Doreen Helen.

III. *Louise Elizabeth* married Ray H. Hartman. They reside on a farm near Waterville. Their children are: Deloy and Eunice Marie.

IV. *Merlin Samuel* married Agnes Ballard from Tontogany. They reside on the farm owned and operated by his father, Samuel Schaller. Their family consists of three boys and one girl,—Stephen Merlin, Thomas Jerry, Brinda Jean and Larry James.

#### **The Emma Schaller-Long Family**

EMMA ROSINA, the fifth child of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller, was baptized and confirmed in the Perrysburg Lutheran Church. She attended school in Middleton Township. Emma moved with her parents to Waterville in 1904, and has continued to reside in the parental home. She has been an active church worker, a kindly neighbor and a respected member of her community.

She married Arthur R. Long. The Longs became successful farmers. They acquired farms at Haskins and Grand Rapids. They had no children.

#### **The Adam Schaller Family**

ADAM EDWARD, son of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller, was baptized and confirmed in the Perrysburg Lutheran Church and went to school in Middleton Township. He married Elizabeth Case of Georgetown, Ohio and chose farming as an occupation. Their only child, Beulah married John Burrows Nov. 12, 1944.

#### **The Anna Schaller-Simpson Family**

ANNA, youngest daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller, was baptized and confirmed in the Perrysburg Lutheran Church. She also attended school in Middleton Township. She moved with her parents to Waterville in 1904 and has continued to reside there.



She married J. A. Simpson. After his death, Anna became a valued saleslady in the employ of Lamson Bros. Store of Toledo, Ohio. She occupies a responsible position there and was honored as a most trusted and valuable employee.

### The Frank Schaller Family

FRANK C., the youngest child of Lewis and Elizabeth Moser Schaller, was also baptized and confirmed in the Perrysburg Lutheran Church. He went to school in Middleton Township and attended Waterville High School. Later he attended Davis Business College in Toledo where he earned a degree in Business Administration.

He married Rose Geschwend of Waterville, daughter of Lena and Gettlieb Geschwend of Waterville. They were married by Rev. Brandt of the Lutheran Church. They began housekeeping at McClure, Ohio where Frank worked as a banker. Later the family moved to Waterville where they have continued to reside.

Frank worked for seven years in the office of the Sheriff of Lucas Co., Toledo, Ohio, and then in the office of the Probate Judge Norris where he is currently employed. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and has served faithfully the Lutheran Church in Waterville, where he has been a valued member. He is a highly respected citizen of the village of Waterville, having given freely of his talents and time to serve that community. Frank and Rose Schaller have one daughter, Wilma Marie.

I. *Wilma Marie* was graduated from the Waterville High School and the Ohio State University where she was graduated in Commercial Education. Wilma then taught commercial education for three years. She married Robert Lytle. They now reside in Toledo where Wilma serves as private secretary at the Owens Corning Corporation.

The following is the Lewis Branch of the Schaller Family Tree except the five children who died in infancy—

Elmer was the first child of Lewis B. and Mary Klag Schaller.

Marie was the oldest child of Elizabeth Schaller and Frederick Miller.

Three children died in infancy in the family of Samuel and Clara Winter Schaller—Ella, born in January 1874 and Amelia and Clara (twins) born on December 18, 1876.

*Lewis Schaller had 72 descendants and 37 in-laws.*



## THE LEWIS BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Lewis b. Sept. 24, 1842; d. June 16, 1908; m. in 1865 to Elizabeth Moser b. June 12, 1845; d. June 21, 1917. Children: Mary A., Lewis B., Elizabeth, Samuel S., Emma R., Ellen, Amelia, Clare, Adam E., Anna, Frank C.

### The Mary Schaller-Asmus Family Tree

Mary A. b. May 12, 1866; m. June 26, 1882 to Charley Asmus b. Sept. 4, 1850; d. Oct. 12, 1932. Children:

- I. Clara E. b. Aug. 29, 1884; m. Aug. 31, 1907 to William W. Miller b. Jan. 3, 1887; d. March 22, 1931. Children:
  1. Norman LeRoy b. Nov. 10, 1908; m. March 8, 1930 to Aline Schick b. March 31, 1911. Children: Norine Esthel b. Oct. 20, 1943; Norman Leroy b. April 12, 1945
  2. Grace L. b. March 6, 1913; m. May 30, 1942 to Jack Phillips b. Dec. 10, 1915. Children: Carol L. b. July 20, 1949; David M. b. April 26, 1947
  3. Ruth A. b. May 31, 1916; m. March 9, 1941 to Nelson R. George b. Oct. 1918. Children: Richard N. b. Oct. 20, 1942; Sheryl L. b. Aug. 31, 1947
  4. William W. b. May 5, 1918; m. May 17, 1945 to Francis Cox b. March 21, 1926
  5. Betty M. b. May 19, 1921; d. Oct. 7, 1956
  6. Margie E. b. Sept. 29, 1922; d. Dec. 11, 1954; m. May 31, 1946 to Jay Kiser b. in 1920. Children: Susan C. b. Feb. 28, 1947; Patricia E. b. Jan. 26, 1950
  7. Charles E. b. Jan. 10, 1926; m. to Stephanie Casell. Child: Charles E. b. March 4, 1953
  8. Eugene M. b. Feb. 21, 1930; m. Jeane Burns b. Oct. 7, 1934. Child: Douglas E. b. Oct. 14, 1955
- II. Carl F. b. Nov. 20, 1888; m. March 8, 1918 to Margaret Kortheurer b. Sept. 11, 1896. Children:
  1. Charles A. b. Nov. 12, 1926; m. Jan. 21, 1951 to Claire Vossler b. April 4, 1925. Child: Vicki E. b. Sept. 1, 1953
  2. Clarence K. b. Dec. 30, 1929

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- III. Alvina W. b. April 21, 1891; m. May 1, 1917 to Harold Meyers b. Feb. 28, 1888. Children:
1. Marian E. b. Jan. 29, 1921; m. Feb. 12, 1954 to James W. Warwick. Child: Jon Christen b. Nov. 1955
  2. Harold Robert b. July 12, 1929; m. Sept. 30, 1951 to Mary Miller b. Aug. 21, 1929. Children: Harold Douglas b. April 27, 1952; Christopher A. b. May 14, 1953; Mary E. b. July 11, 1955
- IV. LeRoy F. b. Jan. 6, 1894; m. Jan. 1923 to Lillian Heiman b. April 1902. Children:
1. Virginia R. b. July 11, 1923; m. Sept. 2, 1950 to Laurence Sprague b. June 6, 1918. Child: Mark S. b. Nov. 21, 1955
  2. Norman L. b. March 16, 1925; m. June 6, 1952 to Mary Onsel b. Nov. 6, 1929
  3. Eugene b. July 19, 1926; m. Oct. 16, 1948 to Donna Sprague b. Oct. 29, 1927. Child: Pamela S. b. April 13, 1956
  4. Marilyn R. b. June 14, 1930; m. Feb. 14, 1953 to John Sothros. Child: Michael J. b. April 4, 1954
  5. Joanne E. b. Sept. 13, 1934; m. May 30, 1956 to Jack Armitage
- V. Esthel M. b. June 5, 1897

#### **The Lewis Schaller Family Tree**

- Lewis B. b. July 25, 1867; d. Sept. 6, 1935; m. April 26, 1892 to Mary Klag b. June 12, 1872; d. Oct. 20, 1942. Children:
- I. Elmer d. in infancy
  - II. Ralph A. b. March 24, 1901; d. Feb. 3, 1944; m. June 15, 1925 to Doris Dewese b. Oct. 9, 1901. Children:
    1. Wendell b. Aug. 26, 1928; m. Sept. 8, 1956 to Ruth Ann Harkneff
    2. Ann b. June 11, 1932

#### **The Elizabeth Schaller-Miller Family Tree**

- Elizabeth b. March 18, 1869; d. June 8, 1914; m. June 9, 1887 to Frederick Miller b. Aug. 19, 1866; d. Jan. 7, 1944. Children:
- I. Marie E. b. Dec. 28, 1889; d. Jan. 28, 1890
  - II. Emma R. b. April 12, 1891; m. June 19, 1912 to Arthur Long b. Feb. 20, 1878
  - III. Lulu A. b. March 26, 1894; d. Jan. 11, 1928; m. Dec. 18, 1917 to George Emmerich b. Aug. 9, 1888; d. June 1956. Children:





1. Josephine E. b. April 4, 1922
2. Donna M. b. Feb. 24, 1924

### **The Samuel Schaller Family Tree**

Samuel S. b. May 24, 1870; d. June 17, 1943; m. Oct. 14, 1909 to Clara C. Winter b. Oct. 20, 1880. Children:

- I. Myrtle M. b. Sept. 5, 1910; m. April 29, 1934 to Leonard R. Ricks b. July 10, 1902
- II. Helen R. b. April 5, 1913; m. March 30, 1935 to Lawrence L. Williams b. Jan. 24, 1910. Children:
  1. Elton L. b. Aug. 30, 1935
  2. Doreen H. b. March 6, 1942
- III. Loiuise E. b. Sept. 6, 1914; m. March 16, 1935 to Ray H. Hartman b. Oct. 22, 1909. Children:
  1. Deloy W. b. Dec. 22, 1935
  2. Eunice M. b. April 1, 1943
- IV. Merlin S. b. Nov. 17, 1919; m. June 29, 1940 to Agnes Ballard b. Sept. 26, 1921. Children:
  1. Stephen M. b. Dec. 25, 1941
  2. Thomas J. b. June 6, 1944
  3. Brinda J. b. July 6, 1946
  4. Larry J. b. March 6, 1948

### **The Emma Schaller-Long Family Tree**

Emma R. b. Feb. 2, 1873; m. June 19, 1912 to Arthur R. Long b. Feb. 20, 1878

### **The Adam Schaller Family Tree**

Adam b. Feb. 8, 1878; m. April 12, 1910 to Elizabeth H. Case d. Jan. 1, 1883. Child:

- I. Beulah b. March 18, 1920; m. Nov. 12, 1944 to John F. Burrows b. Sept. 2, 1906

### **The Anna Schaller-Simpson Family Tree**

Anna b. May 30, 1881; m. April 22, 1909 to J. A. Simpson b. Aug. 29, 1875; d. July 16, 1922

### **The Frank Schaller Family Tree**

Frank C. b. April 2, 1885; m. May 14, 1912 to Rose Geschwend b. July 5, 1891. Child:

- I. Wilma M. b. Jan. 16, 1922; m. Aug. 10, 1946 to Robert Lytle b. April 6, 1922



## CHAPTER VI

# THE BARBARA SCHALLER MOSER BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

LUCILLE KAZMAIER WILLIAMS\*

ANNA BARBARA, the sixth child of Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller, was born in Diessbach, Buren, Canton of Berne, Switzerland on the 31st of May, 1844. On July 21st of the same year she was baptized in the Community Church of Pieterlen. When 7 years old she came to this country with her parents, seven brothers and one sister. That was in November 1851. They made their first permanent home in Ohio on the south shore of the Maumee River, west of Perrysburg, Ohio.

Barbara, as she was called, grew up on this farm. Being one of two girls in a family of nine children, it meant a lot of housework for the women folk, especially in those days when all housework was done by hand. At the age of 18 years she was taught the tailor's trade by John Hollinger of Perrysburg. She became a handy and able seamstress and tailor in a large household.

Apparently, members of the Schaller and Moser families were friends since three Mosers married into the Schaller family. When 22 years of age, Barbara married John Simon Moser of Waterville, Ohio, on December 13, 1866 at Waterville. For a short time they lived at her parents' home, then they bought a farm of about 100 acres on the Fort Meigs Road. This later became the Frederick Schaller Homestead. Here their first two children were born,—Anna Rosina and George Washington.

In April 1874 they bought River Tract 63, a farm of 212 acres on the River Road about a mile west of Ft. Meigs from Samuel Conch of New Hartford, Connecticut for \$50.00 per acre. Frederick Schaller was renting this farm at the time, so

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\* Daughter of Frank and Anna Kazmaier and granddaughter of John and Barbara Moser.



when John Moser bought it, Frederick purchased the John Moser farm on the Fort Meigs Road.

John Moser wanted this farm because he had in mind the business of manufacturing tile, and one section of this farm contained the kind of clay needed for that purpose. A month after he bought the farm, he sold to Benedict Schaller III the 22 acres across the back of the farm, retaining 190 acres for himself. In 14 years he had paid off all of the indebtedness. This farm remained in the Moser name until sold in 1942 to Robert Barber.

Their first home on this farm was a log house, but the family did not live in it long because on the 4th of July 1874 it burned to the ground. They then built a one room dwelling on their place in which to live until they could get a new home built. This same summer, on the 19th of July, their third child, John Simon was born in the little one room house. They moved into their new home in the summer of 1876, just in time for the birth of their fourth child, William Henry.

Operations for the building of a tile factory were started; and in 1881 the factory was completed and the manufacture of tile began. A track was laid out to the clay pit. The car used for hauling the clay was pulled by a horse or a mule to the factory where the tile was made. Over a period of some 30 years, seven acres of clay were used to make the tile and as many as 15 men were hired to run the factory. This meant a lot of extra work in the house because the workers were given room and board. During this time two more children were born,—Alta Grace and Ernest.

During their growing years the children all attended the country school which was only about a quarter mile up river from their home. They all went through the eight grades which was as far as they could go in the rural school. Sundays they attended the Evangelical Sunday School in Perrysburg.

In the late 1880's Barbara's mother, Rosina, who was a widow, came to live with her daughter. The children provided for their mother a small house behind the Moser home where Rosina lived until she died in 1897.

About 1892 the Mosers bought eleven deer. They put them in a 15 acre field in which there was a natural ravine and where they had previously planted many evergreen trees. This field required a double high fence to keep the deer in. They had as many as 17 deer at one time and it was Will's job to feed them



in the wintertime. A few deer had to be killed each year to keep the herd down in size. This private deer park was quite an attraction in this section of the country. After about 12 years, what deer remained were turned over to the Toledo Zoo.

In January 1901, John and Barbara Moser went to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a visit to the mineral springs there. Four years later John gave up active participation in the tile factory, and he and Barbara moved into a new brick home on West Front Street, Perrysburg in January 1905. In the early spring of 1909, they went to Florida for a short time for Barbara's health. That same fall John was killed by a flying piece of timber from a saw mill near a 160 acre farm which they owned in Paulding County, Ohio. The following January Barbara went to Hot Springs again, this time taking her daughter Alta with her.

During World War I, Barbara was a member of the Red Cross, doing considerable knitting for the soldiers. Flowers were her greatest hobby and much of her time in later years was spent in her garden. She was a faithful, loving wife and mother and was liked by all who knew her. Early in 1921 she was taken ill and for five months suffered patiently. She passed away on Monday, October 3, 1921, and was buried beside her husband in the cemetery at Ft. Meigs.

Barbara Schaller and John Moser had six children: Anna Rosina, George Washington, John Simon, William Henry, Alta Grace and Ernest H.

### **The Anna Moser-Kazmaier Family**

ANNA ROSINA, the first child of John and Barbara Schaller Moser was born December 5, 1871 on her parents' farm on the Ft. Meigs Road. Her girlhood was spent in going to school and helping around the house. She became a great help to her father when she took over the bookkeeping for the tile factory, taking charge of all the accounts. She came in daily contact with Frank Kazmaier who was working in the tile yard. On December 13, 1899 (the 33rd anniversary of her parents' wedding) she and Frank were married. Frank Herman Kazmaier was the son of John C. Kazmaier (farmer) and Mary Harthneck. His father had come to this country from Germany when a small boy.

Frank and Anna rented a farm on the Five Point Road for three years. Here their first child Glenna, was born. In





July 1903 they bought a part of the Benedict Schaller II Homestead and farmed this land the ensuing years. Here Imogene and Lucille were born. In 1914 they moved into a new home that they had built on their farm. All the lumber and oak woodwork used in the house was cut from timber on their farm.

In 1924 he retired from farming, but they continued to live on the farm, renting out the land. In the spring of 1939 Anna became ill and a short time later (May 1939) she died and was buried in Ft. Meigs Cemetery. Frank continued to live on the farm with his daughter Glenna until his death in 1946. They had three children: Glenna Mary, Imogene Barbara and Anna Lucille.

I. *Glenna Mary*, the eldest daughter of Frank and Anna Kazmaier, was born in the spring of 1903 on her parents' farm on the Five Point Road. She went to the rural school nearby. When in the fourth grade she, herself, drove to the school in Perrysburg via horse and buggy, putting up the horse in her grandparents' barn in town. She was graduated from Perrysburg High School. She then entered the University of Toledo where she was graduated in 1926 with a B.A. degree. She taught school for five years, mostly in Painesville, Ohio.

In 1930 Glenna took a course in X-ray at St. Paul, Minnesota and then a medical technology course at Cleveland in 1931. She worked as a laboratory technician in hospitals in Fremont and Wauseon. In 1938 she went to the University of Minnesota to study toxicology before going to Toledo Hospital to work.

In 1950 she married Andrew J. Willier, son of David and Mary Alice Rickard Willier. He obtained his B.A. degree from Wooster College and is a chemist for Saunders Mills. They set up housekeeping in Perrysburg. They have no children.

II. *Imogene Barbara*, the second daughter, was born on the Benedict Schaller II Homestead. She went to the country school for two years until the school was closed. Then busses took the children in to the Perrysburg School. She graduated from Perrysburg, attended Toledo University for two years and spent a short time at Ohio State University.

She was married in 1928 to Boyd M. Frazier, son of William and Iva Gilroy Frazier. They set up housekeeping in Toledo, Ohio, moving to Perrysburg in 1937. Boyd is production



manager of the Erie-Thomas Pie Company. They have two sons,—Boyd Jr. and Frank.

1. Boyd Jr. has an engineering degree from Purdue University. He served in the U. S. Army from 1951-1953 as a First Lt. in Explosive Ordnance Disposal, mostly at Fort Dix. He married Doris Eversole of Maumee in 1950. They live in Perrysburg. He works as an engineer for a construction company. They have one son,—Jeffrey.

2. Frank, the other son, has a degree in engineering from the University of Michigan and is currently working on a government project at Willow Run under the direction of the University of Michigan.

III. *Anna Lucille*, the youngest daughter of Frank and Anna Kazmaier was born on the Schaller Homestead. She attended the Perrysburg schools, graduating in 1928. She attended the University of Toledo for two and a half years and then transferred to a medical technology school in Cleveland. She worked as a laboratory technician at Toledo Hospital for four years.

In 1935 she married a former classmate at Perrysburg High School, Karl G. Williams, son of George J. and Mayme Betz Williams. Karl owns his own building supply business dealing mostly in Transit-Mix Concrete. They live in Perrysburg where they originally set up housekeeping. They now own her parents' farm which was the original Schaller Homestead.

They have four children,—two boys and two girls. Duane, the eldest is attending the Colorado School of Mines; Dan is at the University of Colorado; Sharon graduates from High School this year and will attend Capital University at Columbus this fall; Barbara is still in the public school at Perrysburg.

### **The George Moser Family**

GEORGE WASHINGTON, the second child of John and Barbara Moser was born April 20, 1873 on the farm of his parents on the Ft. Meigs Road. When just a year old he moved with his parents to the farm they had bought on the River Road. Here he grew up, went to school and helped on the farm. He helped in the tile yard by operating the engine and keeping the fire going in the kiln. He ran a threshing machine in the neighborhood for some time, both before and after he was married.

On October 13, 1898 he married Cora Gunder, the daughter



of Benjamin Gunder, a farmer of Perrysburg Township, and Eleanor Adele Williams, a direct descendant of Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. They moved into living quarters over a grocery and saloon which he bought in the 100 block of Louisiana Avenue, Perrysburg. George built a brick building next door and moved into it when the grocery store burned down. He rebuilt this building and moved back into it.

About 1910 he went into the automobile and garage business in this brick building. Three years later he built a new home on East Second Street, Perrysburg. George continued in the garage business until 1922 when he leased it to his brother Ernest. George and Cora and their children spent many of their winters in Florida. In 1951 they went to California for a visit and while there George had a heart attack and died. He was brought back for burial beside his son in Ft. Meigs Cemetery. In the spring of 1956, Cora, after several years of trouble with her heart, joined her husband in death. They had two children: Helen May and George Jr.

I. *Helen May*, the daughter of George and Cora Moser, was born in the rebuilt brick building at 100 Louisiana Avenue, Perrysburg. She spent her younger days in Perrysburg, but her high school years were spent mostly in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she was graduated in 1925. She attended Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, graduating in 1927.

She was married in Perrysburg in 1936 to James Naylor, son of Joseph and Jennie Edwards Naylor. He attended Mt. Union College and then was graduated from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, with a degree in Law. They set up housekeeping in Toledo where he was associated with The Owens-Illinois Company as Vice-President in charge of foreign affairs. James died suddenly in the spring of 1954 from a heart attack. Helen has two sons, James and John, who are attending the Ottawa Hills High School.

II. *George W. Jr.* was born in the home on East Second Street, Perrysburg. He started his schooling in Perrysburg but spent most of his short life in St. Petersburg, Florida. He developed cancer of the bone and died in his home at Perrysburg at the early age of 17 years.

### **The John Moser Family**

JOHN SIMON, the third child of John and Barbara Schaller Moser was born July 18, 1874 on the Moser Homestead. While



young he helped on the farm and in the tile factory. He married Katherine Eckel, daughter of Frank and Marie Heilman Eckel of Perrysburg. They lived at his parents' home for a short time while the tenant house on the farm was being built. John farmed the land while Will ran the tile factory. Together they also ran a threshing rig on the River Road and on the Dixie Highway.

About 1904 John and Katherine bought a farm on the Dixie Highway. Shortly thereafter the house on this farm burned down. In 1906 they built a new house and moved there from the tenant house on the Moser Homestead. In 1919 they built a new stucco house on their Dixie Highway farm.

Katherine died in 1929. Two years later John married Viola Walker of New York State. They were both killed in an automobile accident on their way to Florida in the fall of 1940. John was buried in Ft. Meigs Cemetery beside his first wife Katherine. There were three children from the first marriage: Merlin J., Lila M., and Harvey.

I. *Merlin*, the oldest child of John and Katherine Moser, was born in the tenant house at the Moser Homestead on the River Road. He married Lulu M. Kazmaier, daughter of Charles and Alice Goodman Kazmaier of Perrysburg. They set up housekeeping on his father's farm, moving into the dwelling his parents vacated when they built their new house. Merlin is farming this land now. They have two sons: Gerald M. and Kenneth Dale, and two daughters: Norma A. and Marilyn L.

1. Norma A. died at the age of three years from hydrophobia.

2. Gerald M. graduated from the Perrysburg High School. He served in the U. S. Army as a corporal for two years at various camps in this country. He married Martha Odeneal of Perrysburg. They have three daughters: Kathleen, Susan and Dianne.

3. Kenneth Dale graduated from Perrysburg High School. He married Rosalie Shufeldt of Perrysburg. They have a daughter Christine and a son Dean.

4. Marilyn graduated from Perrysburg High School. She then went to work in a Perrysburg bank. She married Robert C. Halbert, a brick mason apprentice. Robert was a sergeant in the U. S. Army at Ft. Meade, Maryland, teaching in Ordnance.

II. *Lila*, the second child of John and Katherine Moser,





was born in the tenant house on the Moser Homestead. After graduating from Perrysburg High School she married Ralph Kuhn. They live in Toledo where Ralph is a machinist. They have a daughter, Virginia and a son Robert.

1. Virginia is a nurse. She married Donald Berry, and they have two children, Ronald and Carolyn. Virginia is now married to Leonard Bourgin.

2. Robert married Jean Helm of Toledo. They live in Toledo where he is a sheet metal worker. Robert served in the U. S. Navy as Seaman First Class on the Aircraft Carrier, Boxer, in the Pacific theater. They have one son, David.

III. *Harvey*, the youngest child of John and Katherine Moser, was also born in the tenant house on the Moser Homestead. He married Vera Goeke, daughter of Henry and Mary Goeke, of Perrysburg. They live on a farm on the Fremont Pike. They have one son, Donald.

### **The William Moser Family**

WILLIAM HENRY, the fourth child of John and Barbara Schaller Moser, was born on the Moser Homestead on the River Road. His youth was spent in going to school and helping on the farm. He fed the deer and served his turn working in the tile yard. He married Pearl Rogers, daughter of John Adams Rogers of Michigan and Isabelle Thompson of Canada. The marriage took place at her home in Perrysburg. This was just after his folks had moved to their new home in Perrysburg, so Will and Pearl lived in the Moser Homestead, farmed the land and ran the tile factory.

About 1916 William bought a house in Maumee and made it into a duplex. He lived in Maumee twelve years, being engaged in the transportation of gasoline and oil. Farming, however, was in his blood and so they moved back to the old Homestead again. This time he farmed the land for 19 more years. He then retired to his home in Maumee, where in 1955 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. His wife Pearl passed away soon afterwards, but Will remains active and energetic at 80 years of age. They have two children, Naomi B. and William J.

I. *Naomi B.* was born on the Moser farm near Perrysburg. She attended school in Maumee, graduating from high school in 1924. She also attended the New England Conservatory of Music.



In 1929 Naomi was married in Perrysburg to Dr. William E. Davis, son of William A. and Annie L. Minter Davis. Mr. Davis received his B.S. degree from William and Mary College and his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. They set up housekeeping in Cambridge, Mass. They are now living in Malden, Mass. where Dr. Davis is a physician and radiologist.

Naomi is active in the P.T.A., the Library Board and the Women's Auxiliary of the Medical Society. They have two sons: William Jr. who is attending Amherst College and Carl Jennings in grade school at home.

II. *William J.* was also born on the Moser farm. He was graduated from Maumee High School. In 1930 he married Thelma Lucille Holmes, daughter of Mark and Mary Flory Holmes of Toledo. William was personnel manager of the Plaskon Company in Toledo but is now working at the Ford plant in Sandusky, Ohio. They reside in Clyde, Ohio and have three children: John, Richard and Marilyn.

1. John Moser works for the Libby-Owens-Ford Co., is a volunteer fireman and part-time constable at Maumee. He was a private in the Air Force and was attending Great Lakes Dental School when discharged after 14 months in service.

John is married to Velma King, daughter of Ellis R. and Hilda Knighton King. She was a W.A.F. in the Air Force with the rank of corporal, serving 18 months at the Pentagon Building when they were married. They have a daughter, Deborah Jean.

2. Richard Allen was graduated from Maumee High School and is now serving in the Air Force in Alaska for a four year term in the Electronic Field. He is an Airman First Class.

3. Marilyn Sue is a pupil at Clyde High School.

### **The Alta Moser McClellan Family**

ALTA GRACE, the fifth child of John and Barbara Schaller Moser, was born on the Moser Homestead on the River Road. Her girlhood was spent in going to school and helping out in a large household. She married Martin Stephan whom she had met at the tile factory. They lived upstairs in her father's building on Louisiana Avenue. When she and Martin were divorced in 1909, she and the children moved in with her parents on West Front Street. This same year her father was killed in an accident.



In 1910 she went with her mother to Hot Springs where she met Harry McClellan whom she married in 1912. They continued to live with her mother until her mother's death. In or about 1922, the family moved to Ann Arbor Michigan, later to Omaha and then to Seattle, Washington where Alta lives today. There were two children from the first marriage: Adrian and Marian.

I. *Adrian* was graduated from the Perrysburg High School in 1922. He worked in Detroit for some time. After successfully weathering an operation for a brain tumor, he joined his mother in Seattle about 1940, where he is employed by the Boeing Aircraft Co. He did not marry.

II. *Marian* was born in Perrysburg. She was graduated from the high school at Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1925. She moved with her parents to Seattle where she served as a secretary to a medical doctor for twenty years. This position she held until her death in 1956 from a brain tumor. She never married.

### **The Ernest Moser Family**

ERNEST, the sixth child of John and Barbara Schaller Moser, was born on the Moser Homestead on the River Road March 30, 1886. He spent his youth like the rest of the boys, helping on the farm and in the tile yard.

When Ernest married Bertha Thornton of Perrysburg in 1906, they moved into the tenant house on the Moser Homestead. He and Will ran the tile yard until about 1913 when Ernest took it over and ran it until World War I. At that time help was hard to get, so after 37 years the Moser Tile Factory closed down.

In 1922 Ernest leased his brother George's garage in Perrysburg. Twenty two years later he opened his own garage across Louisiana Avenue.

In 1926 Ernest divorced Bertha and a year later married Violet Kazmaier, daughter of William and May Gunder Kazmaier of Perrysburg. He died on August 26, 1946 and was buried in Ft. Meigs Cemetery. There were no children.



## THE BARBARA MOSER BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Barbara Schaller b. May 31, 1844; d. Oct. 3, 1921; m. Dec. 13, 1866 to John Moser b. Nov. 31, 1840; d. Sept. 14, 1909. Children: Anna Rosina, George Washington, John Simon, William Henry, Alta Grace, Ernest H.

### The Anna Moser-Kazmaier Family Tree

Anna Rosina Moser b. Dec. 5, 1871; d. May 26, 1939; m. Dec. 13, 1899 to Frank H. Kazmaier b. Jan. 4, 1876; d. Nov. 16, 1946. Children:

- I. Glenna Mary b. March 4, 1903; m. Dec. 31, 1950 to Andrew J. Willier b. Dec. 9, 1899
- II. Imogene Barbara b. June 7, 1907; m. Jan. 10, 1928 to Boyd M. Frazier b. Jan. 30, 1906. Children:
  1. Boyd M. Jr. b. Jan. 28, 1929; m. Aug. 12, 1950 to Doris Eversole b. Feb. 4, 1928. Child: Jeffrey Boyd b. Feb. 9, 1956
  2. Frank W. b. Aug. 26, 1933
- III. (Anna) Lucille b. July 2, 1910; m. June 12, 1935 to Karl G. Williams b. Aug. 8, 1909. Children:
  1. Duane G. b. July 30, 1936
  2. Dan K. b. Oct. 23, 1937
  3. Sharon Ann b. April 4, 1939
  4. Barbara K. b. Sept. 5, 1944

### The George Moser Family Tree

George Washington b. April 20, 1873; d. Aug. 29, 1951; m. Oct. 13, 1898 to Cora Gunder b. Oct. 27, 1878; d. April 28, 1956. Children:

- I. Helen May b. Nov. 1, 1906; m. July 25, 1936 to James Naylor b. Jan. 17, 1901; d. April 4, 1954. Children:
  1. James Moser b. May 16, 1939
  2. John Thomas b. April 14, 1942
- II. George W. b. July 1, 1913; d. Dec. 21, 1931





### The John Moser Family Tree

John Simon b. July 18, 1874; d. Oct. 27, 1940; m. Jan. 8, 1895 to Katherine Eckel b. Jan. 25, 1875; d. March 28, 1929; m. Fall of 1931 to Viola Walker d. Oct. 27, 1940. Children:

- I. Merlin J. b. Sept. 2, 1895; m. Sept. 17, 1919 to Lulu M. Kazmaier b. April 4, 1896. Children:
  1. Norma A. b. Dec. 3, 1925; d. Oct. 31, 1928
  2. Gerald M. b. April 6, 1930; m. June 8, 1952 to Martha Odeneal b. Sept. 14, 1934. Children: Kathleen A. b. April 18, 1953; Susan A. b. May 10 1954; Dianne J. b. Dec. 13, 1955
  3. Kenneth Dale b. Aug. 8, 1932; m. Aug. 16, 1952 to Rosalie Shufeldt b. Nov. 27, 1934. Children: Christine A. b. July 27, 1953; Dean C. b. Oct. 7, 1955
  4. Marilyn L. b. Sept. 18, 1935; m. Sept. 15, 1956 to Robert C. Halbert b. Nov. 3, 1931
- II. Lila M. b. July 6, 1897; m. Oct. 17, 1916 to Ralph Kuhn b. April 23, 1893. Children:
  1. Virginia b. Aug. 23, 1919; m. June 6, 1942 to Donald Berry m. Nov. 4, 1952 to Leonard Bourgin b. Dec. 31, 1908. Children: Ronald b. July 4, 1943; Carolyn b. Dec. 30, 1944
  2. Robert J. b. March 28, 1926; m. Feb. 16, 1952 to Jean Helm b. Sept. 1, 1927. Child: David b. March 30, 1955
- III. Harvey b. Feb. 7, 1905; m. Oct. 4, 1928 to Vera Goeke b. June 2, 1908. Child: Donald b. Nov. 29, 1934

### The William Moser Family Tree

William b. Aug. 26, 1876; m. May 3, 1905 to Pearl Belle Rogers b. June 14, 1882; d. Aug. 15, 1955. Children:

- I. Naomi B. b. Oct. 8, 1906; m. March 12, 1929 to William E. Davis. Children:
  1. William E. (Ted) b. Nov. 17, 1936
  2. Carl Jennings b. Sept. 14, 1947
- II. William J. b. Dec. 14, 1908; m. June 30, 1930 to Thelma L. Holmes b. April 7, 1909. Children:
  1. John Clifford b. Aug. 5, 1931; m. Oct. 19, 1950 to Velma King b. May 13, 1925. Child: Deborah Jean b. Dec. 2, 1953
  2. Richard Allen b. Nov. 4, 1934
  3. Marilyn Sue b. April 8, 1941



**The Alta Moser-Stephen-McClellan Family Tree**

Alta Grace b. Sept. 26, 1883; m. Jan. 12, 1904 to Martin Stephen b. Sept. 14, 1880; m. Jan. 31, 1912 to Harry McClellan b. March 24, 1879. Children:

- I. Adrian Stephen b. May 7, 1904
- II. Marian Stephen b. Jan. 19, 1907; d. May 17, 1956

**The Ernest Moser Family Tree**

Ernest H. b. March 30, 1886; d. Aug. 26, 1946; m. April 10, 1906 to Bertha Thornton b. Dec. 14, 1885; m. Oct. 14, 1927 to Violet Kazmaier b. Oct. 30, 1900



## CHAPTER VII

# THE STEPHEN BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

BERTHA SCHALLER BRITTEN\*

STEPHEN, the seventh child of Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller, was born on May 17, 1846 in Diessbach, Switzerland, the beautiful land of the Alps. At five years of age, he donned his first trousers to accompany his parents on their trip to America. They arrived at Perrysburg, Ohio, in November 1851.

After spending the winter months at the home of Henry Mandell, east of Perrysburg, the family settled on the William Savory farm on the Hull Prairie and Five Point Roads. Here, Stephen began his schooling in a one-room building called the Settlement School.

At the age of twelve, he accompanied his family to what became the Benedict Schaller II Homestead, located on the south shore of the Maumee River, three miles west of Perrysburg. Here, his education was continued in a country school nearby. Stephen was a good skater as well as a lover of fishing. The Maumee River provided opportunities for both of these recreations. He spoke of the large sturgeons which became stranded on the bank of the river when the ice went out in the spring.

Life on the farm was not all play. Stephen became familiar with farming in the New World early. He and his brothers were kept busy paying for the new farm. He was only sixteen when his father died. This placed greater responsibility upon him and his brothers. On this farm, Stephen, with his six brothers and two sisters, grew to adulthood.

Stephen left the homestead in 1875, not at the age of twenty-one, but when he was twenty-nine. His older brothers had married and found homes of their own, and even August, his younger brother, had left the farm and was married the year

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\* Wife of Ralph T. Britten and daughter of Stephen and Sarah Schaller.



before. Simon and Stephen stayed with their mother until the sale of the moveable property in 1875.

When Stephen left the farm, he worked for neighbors for several years. With the capital he had accumulated by the time he was twenty-nine, he bought eighty acres of land four miles south of Perrysburg on the Five Point Road between Fort Meigs and the Dixie Highway. This place later became the Stephen Schaller Homestead.

On January 15, 1879, at the age of thirty-three, Stephen married Sarah Moser of Whitehouse, Ohio. Sarah was the daughter of Christian Moser, a shoemaker from Bern, Switzerland. Her mother was Louisa Utz Moser, a native of Stuttgart, Germany. Christian Moser came to America in 1843 and settled in Putnam County, Ohio. He later moved to Iowa and then, finally, to Canada.

Christian Moser built a house in the Whitehouse area where he had relatives. Whitehouse was then a swamp and a wilderness and the Moser home was the fifth house built. Here he established his business of shoemaking. He travelled on foot to Toledo to buy hides for leather which he used in his hand-made shoes. Christian was a shoemaker for forty years.

The Mosers were simple folks of the Mennonite faith. Sarah was the older of the two sisters. After completing her schooling, Sarah did housework for John Moser. Here, she met Stephen, a brother of Mrs. Barbara Schaller Moser.

During the first year of his marriage to Sarah, Stephen purchased the Demuth farm on the Hertzfeld Road, three miles south of Whitehouse. They spent the first three years of their married life here. In 1882 they moved to Wood County and occupied a log house owned by Valentine Schwind. Across the road was timber-covered land that Stephen cleared and drained. He built a seven-room frame house from the lumber, moved into it from the rented log house and set up farming on his new land. Three years later, in 1885, Stephen rented this farm and moved his young family back to the Demuth farm.

The children, Louisa, Herman and Andrew traveled down the old sandy road to a one-room school. Their little frocks of calico and denim as well as the coats and bonnets they wore were skillfully made by hand. Sarah was very deft with a needle, and much of their clothing was adorned with lace.

Stephen must have had difficulty in deciding which of his two farms was to be the Stephen Schaller Homestead for, in





the spring of 1891 the Schallers again moved to their home south of Perrysburg. Finally, because of the distance between the two farms and the inconvenient mode of travel, the farm at Whitehouse was sold and the new farm south of Perrysburg became the Homestead.

The family lived simply and plainly. Most of their food was produced on the farm. The boys helped their father farm and clear the land. Orchards of apples, pears, plums and cherries replaced the oak, elm, walnut and maple forest. Sawmills were brought in from time to time and the larger trees were made into wood for fuel and lumber. A large barn was built in 1901 which furnished ample space for stock and grain. The wood cut from the forest during the winter months was the only fuel used in their home. Much of this wood was hauled by wagon and sled to neighboring towns.

The children early learned helpfulness and obedience. Sarah had no small task in caring for and rearing seven sturdy youngsters. Because travel was difficult, the family had no church, but they learned religious ideals at home. Later, when the children were older, they took their places in the church. In 1920, a modern house of stucco was built to replace the old frame structure. The new home had nine rooms and was equipped with all modern conveniences.

Declining years and ill-health prevented Stephen and Sarah from continuing their active farming. As a result, a public sale was held in the fall of 1923, the farm home was rented and they moved to 441 East Fourth Street, Perrysburg, on March 4, 1924.

Stephen was a lover of nature during all of his life. He loved the country life, the birds, the wild games that he always protected, and the trees and flowers that surrounded his home. After his retirement and as long as he was able, he would go back to the old farm and wander over its green fields that he loved so well.

As a father, he was always firm in his commands, and he had the utmost respect and obedience from his children. Stephen was always happy and contented with what life offered; he bore the hard knocks of the world with a smiling serenity. He had no use for "get rich quick" fads, but clung to the old Schaller tradition of honest labor in tilling of the soil. He inherited the traditions of plain living and high thinking from his parents. He was temperate in his habits and used neither alcohol nor



tobacco in any of their forms. So well did he practice these high ideals of life that all of his children followed him and are abstainers.

The infirmities of age slowly crept upon Stephen and as time passed, he gradually grew weaker. He bore the closing days of his life patiently and without a complaint in the manner which had characterized his whole life. He passed away peacefully on the eve of March 29, 1935, at the age of eighty-eight years, ten months and twelve days. He was laid to rest in Fort Meigs Cemetery.

Sarah and her son Andrew remained in the Sixth Street home until her illness in the fall of 1939. Failing to respond to medical treatment, Sarah was taken to the home of her daughter, now Mrs. Bertha Britten on Roachton Road and Route 23, Perrysburg, in the spring of 1940. She received tender and devoted care until her death on September 17, 1943 at the age of eighty-two years, eleven months and five days. She was buried beside her husband.

Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller had seven children: Louisa Viola, Herman, Andrew, Earnest, Bertha Mae, Cora Ann and Elmer Roy.

### **The Louisa Schaller Chappell Family**

LOUISA VIOLA was the eldest of the Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller family. She was born on the Demuth farm on the Hertzfeld Road near Whitehouse, Ohio. When Louisa was two years old, her parents moved to their farm in Wood County on the Five Point Road. At eleven years of age, we find her attending the one-room school nearby, called the Settlement School. She, and all her brothers and sisters, learned their "3-Rs" here. The eldest of seven children, Louisa became experienced in the duties of the household and became a good cook and seamstress. On reaching maturity, she was employed as a domestic in homes in Perrysburg and Toledo until her marriage to Chester Chappell at Bowling Green, Ohio.

Chester is the son of Charles and Cynthia Johnson Chappell, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Perrysburg. He is a veteran of the Spanish American War. He served in the army for nine months at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Augusta, Georgia. He completed his two year enlistment in the National Guard.

Louisa and Chester bought the William Mills residence at



214 West Second Street, Perrysburg, where they have always lived. Chester is very adept with hammer and saw, and he remodeled his home and made many improvements. He was employed by the Gendron Wheel Co. in Perrysburg until 1919 and later as a carpenter for the Libby Ford Plate Glass Co. in Rossford, Ohio, until his retirement in 1949. The Chappells are active members of the First Methodist Church of Perrysburg. They have one son—Gordon Chester.

I. *Gordon Chester* attended Perrysburg Public School. He was an apt and diligent student and became a member of the National Honor Society. He was graduated with honors with a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He worked for the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co. and then at the E. M. Bliss Co.

Gordon married Altha Helen Kruse, daughter of Albert and Bess Gamble Kruse of Perrysburg. On March 1, 1944, Gordon was inducted into the United States Naval Reserve at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station with the commission of Lieutenant Junior Grade. He was assigned first to Manhattan Engineering District at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and then to Los Alamos, New Mexico. He was separated from active duty on March 3, 1946, with the rank of full Lieutenant. He is now employed by the University of California at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

Gordon and Altha have two children, Linda and Gary. They are members of the Trinity-on-the-Hill Protestant Episcopal Church and are active in P.T.A. as well as various cultural activities of the city.

### **The Herman Schaller Family**

HERMAN, the eldest son of Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller, was born on the Demuth farm. He attended the one-room school on the Hertzfeld Road, south of Whitehouse. At the age of ten, his parents occupied the new house on the Five-Point Road which became the Stephen Schaller Homestead. Here, all the children grew to adulthood; here, Herman, Andrew and Earnest saw hard work. Trees had to be cut, stumps had to be grubbed out, ditches had to be dug and tile had to be laid in order to make the land tillable.

As Herman grew older, the work on the farm did not require his full-time service. Living at home, he secured part-



time employment elsewhere. He operated Moser's threshing machine for several summers. For two winters he fired the heating plant at Robinhood Hospital in Toledo, but, like his father, he found his interests best suited to farming.

With marriage in view, Herman entered his Uncle Frederick's farm on the Ft. Meigs Road in the spring of 1908. In June he was married to Minnie Weseman, daughter of Henry and Emma Snyder Weseman who lived near Rossford on the Glenwood Road. Minnie's father raised fruit and vegetables for market in Toledo, and Minnie had a large share of helping prepare his produce for sale.

After spending one year on his uncle's farm and two years on the Ellerman's farm on the East River Road, Herman bought a farm on the Oregon Road to which he moved in 1911. He remodeled the buildings there and built a new residence in 1918. During World War II the government built the Rossford Ordnance Depot between Glenwood and Oregon Roads and part of Herman's farm was taken over by the Depot in 1943.

The Herman Schallers are members of the Fort Meigs Grange. Herman and Minnie have two children: Alvin Herman and Dorothy May.

I. *Alvin Herman* was born on the Ellerman farm on the East River Road, Perrysburg. He was only two years old when his parents moved to their present home on the Oregon Road. Here, Alvin grew to manhood. He attended the one-room school nearby, and was graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1926.

Like most country boys, Alvin found his diversions in the many activities on the farm. He was always alert to make his "best better" and to make every moment count. After graduation he was employed as a radio and auto mechanic until 1937, but he never lost his love for the farm.

Alvin married Ruth Virginia Bean of Stony Ridge, Ohio. She was graduated from Waite High School, Toledo, in 1929. They started housekeeping at 1539 Pieper Drive, Toledo, where they lived for three years.

While working in the city, Alvin always found time to go back to the farm to help his father. In 1937, he became a full-time farmer. In November of that year, they moved to the Marvin Farm on the Oregon Road, near his father's home.

Returning home from church on April 18, 1943, Alvin and Ruth found their home in flames. The fire resulted in almost





total loss, including personal belongings. The garage was then made into living quarters for them. When Alvin's grandmother died, he bought the Stephen Schaller Homestead on the Five Point Road and moved there in 1944.

Alvin and Ruth have two children: Kenneth Alvin and Robert Lee. Kenneth was graduated from the Perrysburg High School in the class of 1953. He was honored by being selected for the Star Swine Producers' Award of Ohio, 1952-53 from 10,000 students enrolled in various agriculture courses in Ohio. He also received a four-year scholarship in Agriculture at Ohio State University. Robert was also graduated from Perrysburg High School and is majoring in Agriculture at Ohio State. The family are members of the Stony Ridge Methodist Church, Fort Meigs Grange, and council members of the Farm Bureau Federation.

II. *Dorothy May* was the only daughter of Herman and Minnie Weseman Schaller. She was born at the country home of her parents on the Oregon Road. Because there were no children in the neighborhood her age, Dorothy gave her attention to the duties of the home and she became adept in many of the finer arts of homemaking.

Dorothy was educated at Glenwood Rural School and Perrysburg High School. After graduation in the class of 1940, she attended Davis Business College to prepare herself to be a secretary. Her first position was with the Cargill Elevator Co. in Maumee.

Dorothy married Harold Redman. Their marriage was the culmination of a high school romance. He is the son of Muriel and Amy Gaylord Redman of Perrysburg. Drafted by the army during World War II, Harold was stationed at Camp Santa Anita, California, as an instructor, first in an elementary shop course and then a course in optical instrument repair. They took advantage of a fifteen day furlough and were married at the First Methodist Church in Perrysburg.

When Harold received overseas orders, Dorothy returned to her parents for the duration of the war. She worked at Willys Overland and at the Rossford Ordnance Depot as secretary to the Adjutant and to the Executive Officer. Harold served fifteen months in New Guinea and the Philippines as an optical instrument repairman. He was discharged January 26, 1946, with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon his return from overseas, Harold joined Dorothy at



the home of her parents. They made plans to build a new home nearby, doing most of the work themselves. Their dream house was completed on September 18, 1949.

Harold became an apprentice carpenter for Henry J. Spieker Co., general contractors and later, to the Szabo Construction Co., Toledo, where he was appointed foreman.

It was on August 9, 1955, while enroute home from the Wood County Fair at Bowling Green that Dorothy and their only child, Barbara Ann, were killed in an automobile collision when the driver of the other car failed to regard a stop sign. The memory of these two wonderful lives will always be an inspiration to all who knew them. They were laid to rest in Fort Meigs Cemetery in Perrysburg.

The family were active members of the First Methodist Church in Perrysburg and in the Fort Meigs Grange.

### Andrew Schaller

The STEPHEN SCHALLER Family had barely moved into the new frame dwelling on the Five Point Road, when a new arrival was added to the family. He was named Andrew. He was seven years old when his parents decided to make this farm their permanent dwelling place. He went to the one-room school nearby and also, to the Perrysburg Public School.

Andrew and his brothers were kept busy on their father's farm. They farmed the land during the summer and cut wood during the winter. Andrew was mechanically inclined and found his life's work in auto mechanics. The automobile was no longer a novelty; it had come to stay, and so had to be serviced. On January 28, 1916, he left the farm to work for George Moser who was then operating the Moser Garage in Perrysburg. Andrew worked here continuously until George sold out to his brother Earnest in 1924.

The Moser Garage became the Perrysburg Motor Sales and Andrew worked for Earnest until Earnest died in 1943. He worked at Willys Overland, Toledo, from January 1945 until August 1945, and a month later, he accepted a position with Carl Steinman who had taken over the management of the Perrysburg Motor Sales. Andrew worked there until October 5, 1946, when his health began to fail. There-after, he serviced only a few cars in his home garage at 210 West Fifth Street.

Andrew never married. He lived with his parents at 441



East Indiana Avenue after they left the farm. Upon Elmer's marriage, Andrew and his parents moved to 233 East Sixth Street where his father died in March 1935. He and his mother continued to live at this address until her health required special care. Andrew preferred to live the life of single-blessedness.

Andrew built a brick dwelling in 1939 at 210 West Fifth Street. He moved to this location on July 1, 1940. He continues to live here in his retirement, spending his leisure hours cultivating his rose garden. He is a member of the Masonic Order, a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and a member of the American Rose Society.

### **The Earnest Schaller Family**

EARNEST grew up in the Stephen Schaller Homestead. Always adventuresome as a lad, he liked to roam about the woods surrounding his home. While still too young to work in the field, he found enjoyment trying to catch the squirrels and chipmunks, and making them his pets, or perchance, root out some Blue Racer from its rendezvous. It was no comfort for the writer to be his companion on some of these adventures. With stick in hand, he would make it uncomfortable for the bumble-bees in the nests that he found. He was old enough to know that he had to make a hasty retreat, but the writer, being innocent, stood humbly by and took the punishment for his mischievous antics.

With his brothers and sisters, Earnest attended the rural one-room school three-fourths of a mile west of his home. Because he did not wish to continue his education, he was kept busy on his father's farm, planting and harvesting the crops and working in the woods during the winter months.

In Toledo, Ohio, he married Gertrude Kindervater, the daughter of the late Herman and Agnes Krueger Kindervater of Bates Road, Perrysburg. She was employed in the office of Tiedtke's Department Store in Toledo. They started house-keeping in the first floor apartment of her mother's two-apartment home on Bates Road. Here, Earnest farmed and kept busy doing outside work with the tractor for the neighboring farmers and on the estates of the River Road.

After the death of Gertrude's mother, they moved, in 1945, to their present home at 433 East Sixth Street in Perrysburg. Though unable to do heavy work because of a heart ailment, Earnest is an active and useful citizen. He often goes to his

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the humidity. It was a warm blanket, a soft embrace that felt like a long hug from an old friend. The air was thick with the scent of tropical flowers and the sound of distant drums. I had heard that the weather was perfect, but I didn't realize how perfect it would be. The humidity was just what I needed to melt away the stress of the last few weeks. I had been so busy, so overwhelmed, that I had forgotten to breathe. Now, here I was, in a beautiful, exotic place, and I felt like I had finally found my way home.

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son-in-law's farm where he finds things to do and can enjoy his three grandchildren. Gertrude and Earnest have one daughter, Opal Gertrude.

I. *Opal* was born on the Kindervater farm on the Bates Road, near Rossford. She attended Glenwood Rural School and graduated from Perrysburg High School in the Class of 1935. It was on her grandmother's farm that she grew to womanhood, joining in all the activities of children in a farm community.

In Toledo, Ohio, Opal married George Arthur Biniker who lived on Oregon Road. They started housekeeping in Haskins, Ohio. One year later, they moved to the Stephen Schaller Homestead where they lived for four years. In the spring of 1944, they purchased the Ellery Lusher farm. George is a very energetic farmer. In addition to farming, he deals in hay, straw, coal, lumber and feed.

Opal and George have three children: Nancy Joyce, Janet Elaine and Craig George. Opal and the children are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in East Toledo.

### **The Bertha Schaller-Britten Family**

BERTHA MAE was the fifth child born to the Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller family. She was born in a log house on the Demuth farm near Whitehouse, Ohio. She was only two years old when her parents moved to their farm on the Five Point Road, one half mile west of the Dixie Highway.

She received her education at District Five School and Perrysburg High School. She also attended Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. In 1908 she successfully passed the teachers' examination and taught her first school at District Eleven on Glenwood Road. Here, she boarded at the home of Henry Weseman, going home on week-ends.

For the next four years, Bertha taught at District Twelve School, known as Frusher School on Reitz Road, one-half mile east of Dixie Highway. While teaching there, she lived at home. Most of the time she walked the two miles back and forth to school or took the Bowling Green Street Car which shortened the distance by one mile. These were one-room schools, usually having classes with pupils ranging in age from six to sixteen with attendance of thirty to forty pupils.

Bertha married Ralph Britten, a farmer. He was the son of Charles and Caroline Hartshorn Britten who lived near

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Perrysburg. His father was a native of England and came to America when a young man of twenty-one.

Ralph and Bertha set up housekeeping in a small four-room house on the Harbauer farm on Route 23, three miles south of Perrysburg. They remained on this farm for four years until, in the spring of 1917, Ralph's father held a public sale and retired. Ralph and Bertha moved to the Britten Homestead nearby where they still live.

Ralph, with his son Richard, farms 174 acres of land. He helps Richard care for his flock of turkeys. In 1950, the old barn was torn down and a modern dressing plant was built. Four years later, a new brick ranch house was built on the farm.

It would be amiss if we did not mention John Beckley, a faithful hired man who was with the family for thirty years. The children loved and respected him. He spent the last three years of his life in the I.O.O.F. Home in Springfield, Ohio.

The Brittens are active members of the First Methodist Church, Perrysburg, the Fort Meigs Grange, and council members of the Farm Bureau Federation. Ralph is also a member of I.O.O.F. Lodge. He served his community three terms as Township Trustee and as a member of the Perrysburg Public School Board.

They have three children: Arthella Mae, Richard Harding and Betty Lou.

I. *Arthella* was born in the Britten Homestead. She was graduated from the Perrysburg High School in the class of 1935 and from the Warner School of Cosmetology in Toledo. She worked as a beautician in Toledo and Maumee for six years.

Arthella married Albert Joseph Liebherr, son of Henry and Clara Holerbach Liebherr of Perrysburg. In October, 1940, they moved into their new home on Clinton Street in Maumee.

On May 3, 1943, Albert was inducted into the United States Navy and sent to Great Lakes Training Station in Chicago. He served as Second Class Gunners Mate aboard the U. S. *Algorab*, an attack cargo ship carrying both supplies and troops. He participated in the invasion of Okinawa, the Philippines, Layte, and other islands. His discharge was granted in October, 1945.

While her husband was in service, Arthella was employed in defense work at Doeller Die and Willys Overland. In August,



Albert and Arthella sold their home on Clinton Street and occupied an apartment above the Schaller Memorial Building in Perrysburg. They served as caretakers of the Memorial until February, 1953, when their new home at 804 Sandusky Street was completed.

Since 1946, Albert has been Assistant Partner in managing the Gulf Service Station in Perrysburg. He is a member of the Perrysburg Volunteer Fire Department and Commander of the Perrysburg American Legion Post No. 28. Arthella is a member of the First Methodist Church in Perrysburg and of the American Legion Auxiliary. She also has given leadership to the Brownie Girl Scouts. They have two daughters, Suzanne Kay and Sally Diane.

II. *Richard* grew up on the old Britten Homestead. Like most farm boys, he found pleasure on his bicycle and in playing with his sisters and the neighborhood children. As he grew older, he enjoyed the various Boy Scout and school activities.

He was graduated from Perrysburg High School in the class of 1937. After graduation, he helped his father on the farm. As a side line, Richard bought 200 turkey poults and raised them. The demand became so great that each year, he has increased the flock until he now has 3,800 birds. Most of these birds are dressed and retailed at the farm during the holiday season.

On February 23, 1943, Richard was inducted into the Army Ordnance, where he trained for six months, and then passed the examination for the Air Force. After training at the University of Nevada, Santa Ana, California, King City, California, Merced, California and Marfa, Texas, he received his wings on August 4, 1944 with the commission of Second Lieutenant. He was then assigned as instructor at Marfa, Texas Air Base until July 1945, when he was ordered to Hobbs, New Mexico to take training on B-17's. While he was training at Hobbs, the dramatic news that "Japan had surrendered" came. Since Germany had also surrendered, those who wished could go home. It meant going back to Ohio's fertile fields and the folks back home. Richard was discharged on October 17, 1945.

At the First Methodist Church, Perrysburg, Richard married Fern Irene Clifton of East Toledo, Ohio. Fern is the daughter of Albert and the late Hazel Bristow Clifton. She had been employed during the war at Libbey Glass Company in Toledo. They set up housekeeping at 145½ East Indiana



Avenue, Perrysburg. On April 1, 1948, they purchased the Albert Fahrer farm, corner of Roachton Road and Route 23.

Richard and Fern are the parents of two children: Sandra Joyce and Gary Richard. They are members of the First Methodist Church, Perrysburg, Fort Meigs Grange, and are council members of the Farm Bureau Federation. Richard is Past Commander of the American Legion Post No. 28 and is serving on the Perrysburg Public School Board.

III. *Betty* was born on the old Britten Homestead on Roachton Road. She was graduated from Perrysburg High School in the class of 1939. In the fall of that year, she entered Bowling Green State University, majoring in elementary education. She received a four-year provisional certificate in 1942. She then taught the first and second grades at Glenwood Rural School during the school year 1942-43. For the next six years, she taught the first grade at Perrysburg. During the summer months, while her brother was in service, she helped her father on the farm.

Betty married her high school sweetheart, Robert J. Heslup, in the First Methodist Church in Perrysburg. Robert is the son of Harry and Elizabeth Sorrie Heslup of Adrian, Michigan. At the age of fourteen, Robert moved with his family to Perrysburg and graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1940.

While working for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, Robert entered the Air Force in October 1942. After one year in the States, he was sent to England in November 1943. The following July, he went from England via L.F.T. to France, from there to Belgium and Germany until the close of the war. Robert's service consisted of Company Clerk and later Supply Sergeant with the 8th and 9th Air Force. In August 1945, his unit left by troop transport for Marseilles, France, and then for the United States.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Robert returned to his former position at Equitable Life Insurance Co. until the fall of 1946. Then he entered Toledo University where he received the degree of B.A. in Business Administration. While Robert attended the university, Betty continued to teach.

Betty and Robert spent the first year of their married life with Robert's parents at 230 Maple Street, Perrysburg. Like many G.I. couples, they occupied several apartments until the summer of 1955 when they built their new home at 919 Hickory



Street. They have three children: Scott Michael, Shelly Ann and John Robert.

After graduating from Toledo University, Robert worked for one year at the Community Traction Bus Company of Toledo. He later became General Sales Personnel Assistant for Owens Illinois Glass Company. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Perrysburg and of the Fort Meigs Grange. Robert is a member of the American Legion Post of which he served as Post Commander.

### **The Cora Schaller Dunlap Family**

CORA ANN, the youngest daughter of Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller, was born on the Stephen Schaller Homestead. She attended a one-room school, three-fourths of a mile west of the home. After finishing grammar school, she passed the Boxwell Examination and attended the Perrysburg High School. Not wishing to continue her schooling, she remained at home, helping with the housework. There was the garden to tend, butter to churn, vegetables and fruit to can, sewing and mending to do, and bread and pastries to bake. In fact, in those days the home was a factory where the staples of life were made.

Cora married Clyde Dunlap, a farmer of Middleton Township, the son of the late George and Ella Meeker Dunlap of Fremont, Ohio. They remained at the home of her parents the first year of their marriage, where Clyde helped with the farm work. The following spring they moved to the Lewis farm on the West River Road, Perrysburg. Because of Cora's ill health, they moved into the Chatzer home on West Third Street in Perrysburg the following September. In June, 1948, they purchased their present home at 223 East Third Street. Since then Clyde has been employed by the Gendron Wheel Factory. They have one child, Ethel Lucille.

I. *Ethel* was graduated from Perrysburg High School in the class of 1940. She did restaurant work for some time, but because of illness she now does light work at home.

The family is active in the Rebekah Lodge, Perrysburg. Cora had the honor of being elected president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ohio for the year 1946-47. Clyde also belongs to the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

### **The Elmer Schaller Family**

ELMER ROY, the seventh and youngest child of Stephen and Sarah Moser Schaller, was born at the family homestead. Like

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other farm children, he enjoyed the companionship of his pet animals, fishing in the creek, and adventuring in the woods at the rear of the farm. He attended the one-room school nearby. Because he was needed to help on the farm, his formal education was ended at the eighth grade, but he continued to learn by experience, observation and association with others.

Due to a serious illness, Elmer left the heavy work on the farm. In 1924 he bought a home at 441 East Indiana Avenue in Perrysburg. He lived there with his parents and brother, Andrew. Carpentry, a milk route and employment as an automotive mechanic were the occupations at which he worked until 1942. At that time, Elmer could no longer endure the fumes in the garages and found that war production plants needed men. He then went to work at the American Propeller Plant; six months later he went to Willys Overland. In 1941, he attended Macomber Vocational Night School to prepare himself to be a tool and die-maker. He worked as such at Willys Overland until 1955 and in that year transferred to Sanders Tool and Production Corporation where he is now employed.

Elmer married Lillian Mercer, daughter of Robert F. and Mary Delano Mercer of Bowling Green, Ohio. Lillian was graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1923. In 1927, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in education at Bowling Green State College, where she specialized in home economics and science. Lillian taught first in Bloomville and then in Cygnet, Ohio. She received her life's certificate for teaching in Ohio and obtained a Master Craftsman Certificate from Fireside Industries. In September, 1930, she entered the School of Nursing at Toledo Hospital, but a nervous collapse and a partial paralysis caused her to leave before completing the course.

Elmer and Lillian were members of the Church of Christ in Bowling Green and then united with the First Methodist Church in Perrysburg. Here, Lillian served as office secretary for three years, 1953 through 1955. They have four children: Bonnie Joyce, Luanne Eileen, Arnold LeRoy and Sarah Mary. All of the children are graduates of Perrysburg High School.

I. *Bonnie* is a registered nurse. She completed her training at Toledo Hospital and is now a staff nurse in Orthopedics there.

II. *Luanne*. A year after graduating from high school, Luanne was employed as a seamstress in the Mary Ellen Shop in



Perrysburg and later as a seamstress at the Just Right Cleaners where she still works.

Luanne married Earl Robert Hufford, son of Earl J. and Florence Hufford of Perrysburg. After graduating from Perrysburg High School, Bob served two years in the army as medical aid. For fifteen months, he was stationed in Korea. At the present time, Bob and Luanne live at 281½ Walnut Street. Bob is employed as a glass re-examiner at the Libbey Owens Ford Plate Glass Company in Rossford.

III. *Arnold LeRoy* worked part time for two years at the Just Right Cleaners. In the summer of 1955 he worked as a photographic processor for Aerial Farm Statistics in Bowling Green. He is a student at Ohio State University, majoring in Chemical Engineering. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, a National Honor Society.

IV. *Sarah Mary* has completed a course in negative re-touching at the John Wakelin Studio in Toledo where she is now employed.

*Stephen Schaller had 35 descendants and 15 in-laws.*



## THE STEPHEN BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Stephen Schaller b. May 17, 1846; d. March 29, 1935; m. Jan. 15, 1879 to Sarah Moser b. Oct. 12, 1860; d. Sept. 17, 1943. Children: Louisa Viola, Herman, Andrew, Earnest, Bertha Mae, Cora Ann, Elmer Roy

### The Louisa Schaller-Chappel Family Tree

Louisa Viola b. Feb. 5, 1880; m. Oct. 14, 1908 to Chester Chappel b. Aug. 10, 1875. Child:

- I. Gordon Chester b. Nov. 22, 1911; m. Sept. 18, 1937 to Althea Kruse b. June 11, 1917. Children:
  1. Linda June b. Dec. 27, 1940
  2. Gary Gordon b. June 17, 1943

### The Herman Schaller Family Tree

Herman b. Oct. 26, 1881; m. June 10, 1908 to Minnie Weseman b. Nov. 6, 1888. Children:

- I. Alvin Herman b. June 15, 1909; m. Oct. 6, 1934 to Ruth Virginia Bean b. Sept. 1, 1911. Children:
  1. Kenneth Alvin b. June 12, 1935
  2. Robert Lee b. June 27, 1938
- II. Dorothy May b. Sept. 19, 1922; d. Aug. 10, 1955; m. Dec. 5, 1944 to Harold Redman b. Sept. 2, 1921. Child:
  1. Barbara Ann b. March 26, 1951; d. Aug. 10, 1955

### The Andrew Schaller Family Tree

Andrew b. Oct. 28, 1883

### The Earnest Schaller Family Tree

Earnest b. Dec. 13, 1885; m. May 10, 1916 to Gertrude Kindervater b. Jan. 5, 1887. Child:

- I. Opal Gertrude b. Oct. 3, 1917; m. March 15, 1939 to George A. Biniker b. March 27, 1910. Children:
  1. Nancy Joyce b. April 8, 1942
  2. Janet Elaine b. July 26, 1945
  3. Craig George b. Oct. 23, 1951



### **The Bertha Schaller-Britten Family Tree**

Bertha Mae b. May 25, 1889; m. Sept. 18, 1913 to Ralph Britten b. Aug. 17, 1888. Children:

- I. Arthella Mae b. March 8, 1819; m. Jan. 30, 1940 to Albert J. Liebherr b. May 30, 1917. Children:
  1. Suzanne Kay b. Nov. 29, 1946
  2. Sally Diane b. Sept. 25, 1956
- II. Richard Harding b. Nov. 10, 1920; m. Oct. 14, 1945 to Fern Ilean Clifton b. Nov. 15, 1924. Children:
  1. Sandra Joyce b. Sept. 15, 1949
  2. Gary Richard b. Oct. 17, 1952
- III. Betty Lou b. July 5, 1922; m. Sept. 25, 1945 to Robert Heslup b. June 7, 1922. Children:
  1. Scott Michael b. Nov. 24, 1949
  2. Shelley Ann b. Dec. 4, 1952
  3. John Robert b. Feb. 15, 1947

### **The Cora Schaller-Dunlap Family Tree**

Cora Ann b. Oct. 10, 1891; m. April 4, 1917 to Clyde Dunlap b. Aug. 18, 1891. Child:

- I. Ethel Lucille b. Jan. 28, 1922

### **The Elmer Schaller Family Tree**

Elmer Roy b. Sept. 4, 1895; m. March 2, 1932 to Lillian A. Mercer b. March 20, 1905. Children:

- I. Bonnie Joyce b. March 3, 1933
- II. Luanne Eileen b. Feb. 19, 1934; m. Feb. 5, 1955 to Earl Hufford b. June 6, 1931
- III. Arnold Leroy b. Oct. 14, 1937
- IV. Sarah Mary b. Aug. 31, 1939





## CHAPTER VIII

# THE AUGUSTUS BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

JOHN H. SCHALLER\*

AUGUSTUS SCHALLER, a native of Diessbach, Switzerland, was born on January 14, 1849. He was the son of Benedict II and Rosina Haeni Schaller of the same community. In 1851 at the age of two, he accompanied his parents, brothers and sisters across the Atlantic to America. They settled on the William Savory farm located on the Hull Prairie and Five Point Roads in Middleton Township, Wood County, Ohio.

Augustus grew to manhood on the Schaller Homestead on the River Road which was acquired in 1858. Here he attended a nearby school and assisted his parents with the work on the farm. He continued to give his parents his services until he was twenty-two years of age when he started out for himself, following in his father's footsteps as an agriculturist. He tilled the soil until his retirement in 1920.

When Augustus left home, he operated a rented farm; then in 1872 he purchased a tract of seventy-five acres of heavy timber land, located on the Hull Prairie Road with the Five Point Road forming the northern boundary. Then began the arduous task of clearing the land of timber, providing drainage and erecting buildings.

Augustus married Caroline Kohl in Toledo, March 5, 1874. Caroline was the oldest daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Kohl, natives of Germany who lived near Perrysburg. She was born on February 20, 1857 in Berea, Ohio.

One source of income to pay for this 75 acre farm was derived from the sale of wood, delivered to the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, now the B. & O. R. R. which ran nearby. This wood was used as fuel for the old wood-burner engines that were in use at that time. With determination and hard work, plus the help of the entire family as they grew up,

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\* Son of Augustus and Caroline Kohl Schaller.



the farm was gradually cleared, drained, fenced in and put in a high state of cultivation.

In 1882 twenty acres of adjoining woodland was bought and added to the farm. Before the turn of the century, River Tract No. 50, consisting of 226 acres, was added to his acreage. This farm was located on the east bank of the Maumee River just across the river from Waterville. Here new buildings were erected. Then the family moved from the old homestead to their new home in February 1902 and continued farming.

Caroline Schaller, a home-loving person, was happiest when looking after the wants and needs of her family. After a long illness she passed away on April 10, 1915 and was buried in Waterville Cemetery. Then Augustus continued to manage his farms, making his home with daughter Rosa and family who were then operating the home farm. In 1920 he retired and turned the farm over to his children.

On August 17, 1926 he married Mary Finzel Stover at Toledo. They resided in Waterville until his death, May 30, 1928. He was buried in the Waterville Cemetery beside his first wife. Mary Finzel Stover Schaller passed away in 1951 and was buried in Waterville Cemetery beside her first husband.

During all his mature years, Augustus was far seeing, progressive and a good manager as well as a hard worker as his several well kept farms proved. He was always interested in things that improved his community, among which were better schools and roads. He served as school director for six years and supervisor of roads for three terms. He was one of the founders, stock holders and directors of the Waterville Farmers' Elevator. Socially he was connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity. As a final tribute, it can be truthfully said that Augustus led a progressive and productive life and was a credit to his community. Some of this credit must go to his first wife, Caroline Kohl, who was a hard worker, a good manager, and a loving wife and mother.

The following children were born to Augustus and Caroline Kohl Schaller: Alice M., Albert A., John H., Jennie O., Nellie E., and Rosa B.

### **The Alice Schaller-Winter Family**

ALICE M., oldest child of Augustus and Caroline Kohl Schaller, was born in the Schaller log cabin home January 28, 1876. She attended rural school and passed through its eight



grades. Being a typical home girl, she gladly gave her parents her services until she was united in marriage to Charles Winter in Toledo. Charles is the son of the late Theodore and Rosa Winter of near Waterville.

The newly-weds chose to be tillers of the soil. For two years after marriage, they farmed part of the Augustus Schaller River Road farm. They next moved to a farm on the Noward Road in Lucas County, southwest of Waterville, where they remained for seventeen years. Then they moved to the original Augustus Schaller Homestead and took over its operation.

After a long illness Alice passed away and was buried in the Waterville Cemetery. Charles continues to reside on the farm, making his home with his son Earl and family. He is still active in helping to operate the farm. They have two sons: Clyde and Earl.

I. *Clyde*, the oldest son of Charles and Alice Winter, was born on the Augustus Schaller farm located opposite Waterville. He attended Waterville School. When not in school, he assisted his parents on the farm. He married Elanora Louisa Fischer who was born on the Dutch Road in Lucas County. Her parents are the late Daniel and Mary Fischer.

Since both were raised on farms, the young couple chose to follow the profession of agriculture. From the time of their marriage until late 1955 they worked several large farms in Wood County. In 1955 they bought a fine, well improved farm near West Unity, Ohio, where they now reside and continue to farm.

Elanora has been a member of the Waterville Lutheran Church for many years. They have no children.

II. *Earl* was born on the farm on the Noward Road in Lucas County. He attended school in Waterville and was graduated from Haskins High School. He remained at home and became a tiller of the soil, following in his father's footsteps. He married Josephine Kellermeier, daughter of the late Maximilian and Anna Kellermeier.

Earl, with the assistance of his father, has taken over the operation of the old Augustus Schaller Homestead. He is also an employee of the Waterville Machine Co. and a member of the Ohio Protective Association. Josephine, in addition to her home duties, is employed by the L.O.F. Glass Fiber Co. located near Waterville. She is of the Roman Catholic faith and attends



that church. They have two children: Harold and Anna who attend the Perrysburg Catholic School.

### The Albert Schaller Family

ALBERT A., oldest son of Augustus and Caroline Kohl Schaller, was born in a log cabin in Middleton Township, Wood County. He attended the District No. 5 Rural School and completed its eight grades. Outside of school hours he assisted with farm work. After finishing school, his time was given to duties on the farm and working in the oil fields on the Augustus Schaller Homestead and surrounding farms.

Albert married Louise Fischer, daughter of the late Christian and Margaret Fischer. They moved into the home where he was born. After four years of happy married life, Esther Louise was born. One month later his wife, Louise died and was buried in Waterville Cemetery. Soon after her death, Albert placed his daughter, Esther, with his sisters. Then he moved to Toledo. There he became affiliated with the Reo-Adams Co. and served as General Manager until he retired in 1933.

In 1920 he married Katharine Hoffman, oldest daughter of the late John J. and Bertha A. Hoffman, of Toledo. They lived in Wildwood, a suburb of Toledo, until his death. Their summers were spent in their lodge at Houghton Lake, Michigan.

Albert passed away at the age of 57 years and was buried from the Waterville Methodist Church in the Waterville Cemetery. He was a member of the Masonic Order and of the I.O.O.F. in Waterville. His widow, Katharine has never married. She lives in Toledo during the winter months and at the Houghton Lake Lodge during the summer.

I. *Esther*, their only child, married Robert Bothwell Talbot of Toledo, an employee of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. After two years they moved to Chicago, Illinois where he joined the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Their home is at 6818 W. Palatine Ave., Chicago. Robert is a descendant of Commodore Silas Talbot, Commander of "Old Ironsides" during the American Revolution. The first Talbot family came to America from England (The House of Shrewsbury) in 1640.

Esther and Robert are members of the Norwood Park Presbyterian Church. Their two sons are: James Frederick and Thomas.

1. James attended Wright Junior College and has served in the United States Naval Reserves for the past eight





years. He married Jo Ann Kiley, daughter of William J. and Gertrude Kiley. Two sons were born to this union: Bruce Robert and Mark William.

James is office manager of Compco, Inc. of Chicago. He and his father, Robert are ardent members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. James and his family are members of the Austin Methodist Church.

2. Thomas also attended Wright Junior College and is a member of the United States Air Force Reserves. He married Martha Sweeny of Park Ridge, Illinois where they now reside. Martha is the daughter of James J. and Helen Sweeny. Thomas is employed by the General Finance Co. Evanston, Illinois. He and his wife attend the Park Ridge Methodist Church.

### **The John Schaller Family**

JOHN H., second son of August and Caroline Schaller, was born on the family homestead in Middleton Township. With his brother and sisters, he attended school at District No. 5 in Middleton Township where he passed through the eight grades. Then he attended the Waterville School during winter months for two seasons. His favorite study was history.

At an early age he began to assist with the farm work and continued to give his parents his services until nearly twenty-three years old. Then he had a desire to see and to learn of the things that lay beyond the confines of the farm. This desire to see and learn of the things in the world resulted in his enlisting in the United States Marine Corps at Toledo on January 11, 1905. He was shipped to the Marine Barracks, League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia for training, then known as boot training, but now the word "boot" has been glorified and it is called basic training.

At the conclusion of boot training came regular Navy Yard guard duty and field drills. During the latter part of March 1905, he was transferred to the Navy Yard, Mare Island, California for more guard duty and drills. On June 1, 1905 he, with a company of Marines, boarded the U.S.A.T. Sheridan and sailed for the Philippines, arriving at Cavite, P. I. on June 26, 1905. He was mustered into Company "A" 2nd, Regiment, 1st., Brigade, U. S. Marines where guard duty and training continued both at Cavite and Olongapo, P. I.



Early in 1906 he was transferred to Headquarters Company and assigned to special duty as file and recording clerk in the Office of the Brigade Quartermaster. Within the year the entire Brigade Staff was transferred into offices in the Ancient Walled City of Manila, where Private Schaller continued his duties until November 14, 1908 when he sailed for home aboard the U.S.A.T. Thomas to be discharged.

While doing office work, he was excused from all drills and had evenings and weekends to go sight seeing, study places of interest, and take long walks as well as engage in sports such as boxing and basketball. On Sunday evening, August 23, 1908 while enjoying a band concert and cool breeze on the bay shore at Manila, an incident occurred which he prefers to be explained by a report from his Commanding Officer, Major John A. Lejeune:

( C O P Y )

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
FIRST BRIGADE, UNITED STATES MARINES

Manila, P.L., August 29, 1908

Sir:

1. I have the honor to submit the following report on the conduct of Private John H. Schaller, U.S.M.C., attached to these headquarters, for such action as you may desire to take, believing he is entitled to commendation.

2. On the evening of August 23, 1908 while the Luneta was crowded with carriages during the band hour, the horses attached to the carriage of Mr. F. E. deT. Glazebrook, (a British subject residing in Manila) containing the wife and children of Mr. Glazebrook, were frightened by an automobile and were running away.

3. Private Schaller pushed his way through the crowd of onlookers, and as the horses came toward him, started to run and was able to reach the rim of the victoria top, which was down. By this means he swung himself into the victoria, the driver having been previously thrown to the ground, stepped out on the pole of the carriage and grasped the check reins of both horses and attempted to stop the horses in this manner; both reins broke however, and Private Schaller, thoroughly cool and self-possessed and at great danger to himself, leaped astride of one of the horses and leaning forward took hold of the bit rings and eventually brought the horses to a standstill.

Private Schaller modestly declined to give his name, but his identity was later disclosed, and this morning Mr. and Mrs. Glazebrook appeared at these headquarters and presented Private Schaller with a handsome gold watch with the following inscription: "To Private John H. Schaller, U.S.



M.C., from Mr. and Mrs. F. E. deT. Glazebrook, in grateful recognition of his heroism on the Luneta, Manila, P.I., August 23, 1908."

A letter of acknowledgement has been written to Mr. Glazebrook, a copy of which is enclosed.

It is believed that Private Schaller, through his own personal heroism and by risking serious injury to himself and possibly death, prevented what would certainly have been a sad catastrophe and possibly a fatality.

Very respectfully,

(signed) JOHN A. LEJEUNE,  
Major, Commanding.

The Major General, Commandant,  
U.S. Marine Corps,  
Headquarters, Washington, D.C.  
Copy for Private Schaller.  
(Signed) L. J. Magill  
Major, Brigade Ajt. & Inspector.

This act of courage was recognized and appreciated by L. J. Magill, Major Brigade Adjt. and Inspector of the Headquarters, First Brigade, United States Marines at Manila, P. I., by G. F. Elliot, Major General Commandant of the Headquarters, U. S. Marines, Washington, D. C. and by V. Metcalf, Secretary of the Navy Department at Washington.

Having passed the required examination Private Schaller was promoted to the rank of Corporal, a rank which he held until discharged at Annapolis, Md., on January 16, 1909.

Returning to Waterville, a job, marriage, a home and family were the subjects to be solved by the ex-marine. On February 11, 1909 at Georgetown, Ohio he married Irma E. Barnes, oldest daughter of the late Charles E. and Armanda L. Barnes of Sardinia, Ohio. They settled in Waterville, where they followed farming for two years. In Waterville, on July 30, 1911 a daughter, Cora Ethel Schaller, was born. The next year the young family moved to a farm near Tontogany, Ohio and continued the pursuit of farming.

As World War I came, the names of old buddies began to appear in the casualty lists. Then came the battle of duty to country or family. The decision was not easy, but in the end the decision to serve country won out. Farm equipment was disposed of, a home was bought in Tontogany and the family moved there. At Cleveland, Ohio on October 8, 1918 Citizen Schaller became Private Schaller U.S.M.C. at Quantico, Vir-



ginia he was mustered into Company "M" 3rd., Battalion, 11th., Regiment U. S. Marines.

A week later he sailed from New York for France aboard the U.S.S. Agamemnon arriving at Brest, France October 25th. He was admitted to Brest Base Hospital that night with a severe case of influenza. Returning from the hospital, he found that his regiment had moved inland. Then came a long period of time in Army Casual Camps which ended by going A.W.O.L. and rejoining headquarters of the 11th. Regiment in Tours, France. He was immediately placed on the 11th. Regiment staff in charge of payrolls and personnel. Promotions came fast. He was made Corporal on December 10, 1918; Sergeant-Major on March 19, 1919.

On July 29, 1919 aboard the U.S.S. Orizabe, the regiment sailed from Brest, France for home, arriving at Newport News August 6, 1919. The regiment was demobilized during the following week. Sergeant-Major Schaller received his discharge on August 22 and reached his Tontogany home the following night to be greeted by his wife, daughter and friends. While in service, John took part in no battles, but for distinguished service in line of duty he was awarded the French Clasp, Maltese Cross, and Marine Good Conduct medal and bar.

Upon returning home and to civilian life, John soon learned that to eat, to maintain and to feed a family a job was necessary, so on March 4, 1920 he again went to work for Uncle Sam. He served as a labor foreman and material checker at the Toledo Ordnance Reserve Depot. This job carried through until August 31, 1921 when the depot closed because its work was completed. Sad to relate that on September 8, 1920 the once happy marriage came to an end by mutual agreement of both parties. An equal division of property was confirmed by court action.

With the closing of the Ordnance Depot, John associated himself with the Willys-Overland Motor Co. where for eight years he served as foreman in charge of rough stock inspection. During the depression he served as custodian of Washington Township, Wood County, Cemeteries. When World War II broke out, he was employed by the Electric AutoLite Co. of Toledo as materiel and cost checker. There he remained until January 10, 1956 when he retired from active work at the age of 74.

On November 28, 1924 at Batavia, Ohio John married Luell C. Meier who was a school teacher, a registered nurse,





an instructor of nurses and a Red Cross Nurse with the U. S. Army from March 30, 1918 until June 8, 1919. She was on Hospital Train service in France from June 19, 1918 until discharged June 8, 1919. Luell is a Legionnaire in her own rights. She was the first woman commander of an otherwise all-male post in the state of Ohio. She also served two terms as Post Adjutant. She was a member and past president of Waterville American Legion Auxiliary Unit and Organized and served as first president of Lybarger-Grimm American Legion Auxiliary Unit in Tontogany where she now holds membership. Her religious connections are with the First Presbyterian Church at Tontogany. Luell is the daughter of the late Charles F. and Catherine E. Meier.

John H. has been a Legionnaire consecutively since 1919. He served two terms as Adjutant of Waterville Post and two terms as Post Commander of that Post. Both he and Luell are still members of the Waterville Post. John is also a member of Wood County Voiture 1095, 40/8 and is a past Chef-de-Gare of that Voiture. He also has been a member of Tontogany Volunteer Fire Department since 1912.

They reside in Tontogany, Ohio. Their hobby is flowers and a fine garden. Their home is ever open to their relatives and friends. This concludes the history of the farm boy, born in a log cabin, who had a hankering to learn and to see things of the world. Many are the relics and pictures which he gathered during his service and travels. John H. and Irma E. have one daughter: Cora Ethel.

I. *Cora* was born in Waterville. She graduated from Norwood High School, Norwood, Ohio in June 1929 and from Davis Business College, Toledo a year later. At an early age she united with the Methodist Church. In 1931 she traveled to Kismet, Kansas to visit an aunt and uncle. There in the heart of the dust bowl, she found the man of her choice and married him two years later, Alva Roy Kiddoo. Alva was born at Cordell, Oklahoma, and is the son of the late Charles M. and Willie Tisdall Kiddoo.

At the time of their marriage, Alva was an independent Filling Station operator at Kismet. Since 1940 he has been the Kismet Rural Mail carrier with the exception of the time spent in the U. S. Army. Alva received "Greetings" from his Uncle Sam, and on New Years evening 1943 he was inducted into the army. He received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Flor-



ida. He was honorably discharged October 13, 1944 for physical reasons. In addition to his mail carrying duties, Alva is the neighborhood electrician and mechanic.

Fraternally, Alva is a 32nd. degree Mason; he is a member of Wichita Consistory, Wichita, Kansas and a Mead County Scottish Rite Club. He is a past master of Plains, Kansas, Lodge 367. He is also a member of Winona Chapter No. 444 Order of Eastern Star at Plains, Kansas and is a member of the Kansas Letter Carriers Association, and a past president of his district organization. Ethel is a member of Winona Chapter No. 444 Order of Eastern Star at Plains. She is also a member of the Kansas Letter Carriers Auxiliary and of Kismet Y.W. C.A., and has served as treasurer of that organization .

The Kiddoos have two sons: John Gordon and Charles Norman.

I. *John Gordon* was born at Kismet. He graduated from Kismet High School in May 1952. He is now a student in Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas where he is majoring in geology. He will graduate January 26th, 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary Geological Society and of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

John Gordon married Mona Lou Gantt of Ulysses, Kansas. She was born November 26, 1936 at Liberal, Kansas, the daughter of Robert V. and Wanda Pritchett Gantt. On February 28, 1955 John Gordon enlisted in the Active Army Reserves, 738th. Field Artillery Battalion, Battery "C" and now holds the rank of sergeant. They have one child, a daughter: Teri Lynn.

II. *Charles Norman* was also born at Kismet where he was graduated from high school in May 1955. He is now a student in Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas where he is majoring in Electrical Engineering.

### **The Jennie Schaller-Teegardin Family**

JENNIE C., second daughter of Augustus and Caroline Schaller, was born in their log cabin home. She attended and passed the eight grades of Middleton Township, District No. 5 School.

She married Charles Teegardin, son of the late Louis and Sarah Teegardin. Rev. Bollinger of the Colburn St. United Brethren Church in Toledo performed the ceremony. They started their married life on a farm near Waterville, where they



lived until March 1921. Then they moved to Washington Township, Wood County.

Both are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Tontogany. They are also members of the National, State and County Grange, having been active members for 39 years. Charles has spent his entire years of labor as a farmer and carpenter; the latter profession he still follows. Jennie is an active member of the Lybarger-Grimm Post 441 American Legion Auxiliary. The Teegardins reside at Tontogany. They have no children.

### **The Nellie Schaller-Winter Family**

NELLIE E. third daughter of Augustus and Caroline Schaller, made her appearance in the log cabin on her parents' farm. She attended District No. 5 School in Middleton Township until February 1902 when she went with her parents to their new River Road Home. She continued her education in a nearby school, completing its eight grades.

Nellie attended the Waterville Presbyterian Church and worked at home until she married John G. Winter in Toledo. John is the son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Winter. On December 18, 1907 they went to housekeeping on a farm near Grand Rapids, Ohio which they now own. By good management and hard work, Nellie and John prospered, and their farm is now one of the finest in the locality. Nellie is an active member of Alva Sidle Post 232 American Legion Auxiliary.

They have five children, 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. Their children are: Viola N., Howard J., Opal M., Marie C., and Glen C.

I. *Viola Nellie* was born in her parents' home near Grand Rapids. She was graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1928 and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. She married Cloyce Adams, son of Harry and Edna Adams of Swanton, Ohio. During the years between her graduation and marriage, Nellie was a telephone operator in the Grand Rapids Telephone Exchange.

Cloyce is employed at the City Auto Stamping Co. in Toledo. They live one mile west of Whitehouse, Ohio on the Whitehouse Archbold Road. They have two children, who attend the Whitehouse School—John Cloyce and Jane Viola.

II. *Howard John* was graduated from Grand Rapids High School and is a member of the Methodist Church. He married



Ruth Hunter, daughter of William and Fern Hunter of Weston, Ohio. Howard has been employed by the Toledo Towel Supply Co. Laundry for the past twenty years except for nearly three years service in World War II. He was called to service and inducted April 14, 1943. After one week at Camp Perry, on April 21, 1943 he was sent to Camp Lee in Virginia for his basic training.

Six months later, on September 12, 1943 he left for England where he set up the 249, Q.M. Depot of Supplies in France, Belgium and Germany. After two years he left France November 21, 1945 and arrived in U. S. A. in December. At Indian Town gap on the 7th. of that month, he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. He arrived home the following day. Howard is an active member of the Walter Weller Post No. 135 American Legion. At present he is its Post Commander. He is also active in the Post Drill Team and Voiture 141, 40/8, holding important offices in both organizations. Ruth is equally active in the Walter Weller Post's Auxiliary and Drill Team. At present she is president of the Post Auxiliary. They live at 1936 Loxley Road, Toledo, Ohio.

They had two children: a son who died in infancy and a daughter—Susan Ruth.

III. *Opal Mae* was graduated from the Grand Rapids High School. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and an active member of Alva Sidle Post 232 American Legion Auxiliary. She married Donald Gray, son of the late John and Cora Gray. Donald is employed at the grain elevator in Maumee, Ohio.

They have two children: Donald Daniel and Doris Opal, both children attend Grand Rapids School. Their home is located on U. S. Route 24 in Lucas County, one and a half miles east of Grand Rapids.

IV. *Marie Carolyn* attended the Grand Rapids School. She is a member of the Grand Rapids Presbyterian Church. Marie married Roy Johnston, son of Mae and the late Arthur Johnston. They have three children: Richard Roy, Janice Marie and Mary Lou.

1. Richard Roy was graduated from Grand Rapids High School and is employed by the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. Toledo, Ohio. He married Shirley Bruning, daughter of Edwin and Freda Bruning. They have one son: Richard Lee. They live in Maumee.





2. 3. Janice Marie and Mary Lou attend the Grand Rapids School. They live on a farm on the Box Road, three and a half miles northeast of Grand Rapids.

V. *Glenn Charles* was also graduated from the Grand Rapids High School and is a member of the Grand Rapids Presbyterian Church. He received "Greetings" from Uncle Sam. On March 3, 1943 he was inducted into the army. He took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Then he was sent west where he drove army trucks all along the west coast, hauling supplies, equipment and personnel. On August 7, 1945 he was sent to the Pacific. He spent most of his time in Japan. After almost three years of service in the army, he was honorably discharged at Camp Atterbury, Indiana with the rank of corporal. Upon returning home he took up his old job as Gas Station attendant near Grand Rapids.

He married Maud Shank, daughter of Levi and Sarah Shank. Glen is active in the Alva Sidle Post 232, American Legion and belongs to its drill team. Maud is an active member of the Post Auxiliary. Their home is on U. S. Route 24, one mile east of Grand Rapids, in Lucas County. They have three children: Dennis Lee, Gary Glen, and Peggy Kay. All three attend the Grand Rapids School.

### **The Rosa Schaller-Wittes Family**

ROSA B., the youngest child of Augustus and Caroline Schaller, was born in their log cabin "mansion" on the parents' farm. Becoming of school age, she attended the District No. 5 School in Middleton Township until 1902 when her parents moved to their new home on the banks of the Maumee River near Waterville. There she continued her education in a nearby rural school, passing its eight grades.

Rosa was a home girl, remaining with her parents and assisting them until nearly twenty-three years of age. Then she married Frank Jacob Wittes, the son of the late Charles and Mary Lew Wittes. Frank attended the Neowash School.

Since both Frank and Rosa were born on farms, they chose to be tillers of the soil. They operated the Augustus Schaller farm until it was sold in 1943. After Mother Schaller died, they provided a home for Father Schaller until he remarried.

In 1943 they purchased an eighty acre farm on Route 64 west of Waterville. One glance at this farm is proof enough that they know the profession of agriculture. They planned



well and worked hard. They are stockholders in the Waterville Farmers Elevator. Frank has been one of its directors for the past twenty years.

They have four children: Lucille Marie, Mildred Pauline, Betty Jane and Margaret Ann.

I. *Lucille Marie* was graduated from Waterville High School. She married Glenn Brehm, the son of Michael and Barbara Lew Brehm of Fayette, Ohio. Lucille and Glenn farmed the Brehm homestead until it was sold in 1950. Then they moved to an eighty acre farm they purchased at Waldon, Michigan. They have one daughter: Patsy Ann. She graduated from Waldon High School and Stautzenberger Business School in Toledo. She is employed as secretary at the Arc Corporation, Bryan, Ohio.

II. *Mildred Pauline* was graduated from Waterville High School. She lives at home assisting her parents with the farm work. Whether it be a question on housework or farmwork, Mildred has the answers.

III. *Betty Jane* was graduated from Waterville High School and Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. She married Raymond Lee Kessler, son of Norman and Hattie Kessler. Raymond was born in Toledo. He was graduated from Libby High School. He has a Bachelor of Education and Masters degrees from Toledo Univeristy. During the War II, Raymond was a radar navigator in the Navy Air Corps from 1944 to 1946. His rating was Aviation Radio Man 3rd Class.

At present Raymond is Prinicipal of Jefferson Consolidated Schools at Monroe, Michigan. They live at Newport, Michigan. The Kesslers have two sons: Jeffray Norman and Bradley Frank. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

IV. *Margaret Ann* was graduated from Waterville High School and attended Stautzenberger Business School in Toledo. She married David Schneider Watson, the son of Norman and Hope Cornwell Schneider of Toledo. After the death of David's father, his mother married Jesse Watson who adopted him. David was graduated from Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana. During World War II he served in Company "B" 301 Infantry, 94th. division. He had to his credit 26 months of service, 10 months of which was overseas. For ninety-seven days he was a prisoner of war in Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged with



the rank of Private 1st Class. At present he is an accountant at Owens-Illinois Co. in Toledo.

They have three children: Kent Norman, Theresa Rose and Paula Kay. Their faith is with the Lutheran Church. They live at 2010 Riverview Court, Toledo.

*Augustus Schaller had 47 descendants and 26 in-laws.*



## THE AUGUSTUS BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Augustus Schaller b. Jan. 14, 1849; d. May 30, 1928; m. March 5, 1874 to Caroline Kohl b. Feb. 20, 1857; d. April 10, 1915; m. Aug. 17, 1926 to Mary Finzel Stover b. Oct. 29, 1859; d. April 20, 1951. Children: Alice M., Albert A., John H., Jennie C., Nellie E., Rosa B.

### The Alice Schaller-Winter Family Tree

Alice M. b. Jan. 28, 1876; d. June 14, 1943; m. April 4, 1899 to Charles Winter b. Dec. 14, 1875. Children:

- I. Clyde b. July 3, 1900; m. April 17, 1926 to Elanora L. Fischer b. May 8, 1896
- II. Earl b. Feb. 11, 1910; m. Jan. 22, 1938 to Josephine Kellermeier b. June 7, 1914. Children:
  1. Harold b. July 5, 1942
  2. Anna May b. Oct. 8, 1945

### The Albert Schaller Family Tree

Albert A. b. May 30, 1878; d. July 28, 1935; m. Jan. 28, 1903 to Louise Fischer b. Sept. 27, 1880; d. March 18, 1907; m. Sept. 4, 1920 to Katherine Hoffman b. March 14, 1895. Child:

- I. Esther Louise b. Feb. 13, 1907; m. May 22, 1926 to Robert T. Talbot b. Aug. 15, 1905. Children:
  1. James F. b. March 23, 1930; m. Nov. 7, 1949 to Jo Ann Kiley b. Nov. 3, 1933. Children: Bruce R. b. Dec. 24, 1951; Mark W. b. Nov. 5, 1954
  2. Thomas S. b. Oct. 14, 1936; m. March 3, 1956 to Martha Sweeny b. Jan. 24, 1938

### The John Schaller Family Tree

John H. b. April 23, 1882; m. Feb. 11, 1909 to Irma E. Barnes b. July 7, 1884; div. Sept. 8, 1920; m. Nov. 28, 1924 to Luell C. Meier b. July 22, 1880. Child:





I. Cora Ethel b. July 30, 1911; m. April 21, 1933 to Alva R. Kiddoo b. Dec. 9, 1911. Children:

1. John Gordon b. Dec. 12, 1934; m. July 16, 1954 to Mona Lou Gantt b. Nov. 26, 1936. Child: Teri Lynn b. July 22, 1956
2. Charles Norman b. July 11, 1937

#### **The Jennie Schaller-Teegardin Family Tree**

Jennie b. April 16, 1866; m. May 2, 1907 to Charles Teegardin b. Dec. 14, 1885

#### **The Nellie Schaller-Winter Family Tree**

Nellie E. b. Oct. 8, 1888; m. Dec. 12, 1907 to John G. Winter b. Sept. 28, 1887. Children:

- I. Viola N. b. March 1, 1909; m. June 1, 1940 to Cloyce Adams b. April 5, 1901, Children:
  1. John Cloyce b. Aug. 28, 1941
  2. Jane Viola b. Oct. 16, 1943
- II. Howard J. b. Dec. 15, 1910; m. Aug. 30, 1933 to Ruth Hunter b. May 22, 1912. Child:
  1. Susan Ruth b. Dec. 14, 1942
- III. Opal b. May 6, 1913; m. Sept. 18, 1940 to Donald Gray b. June 30, 1905. Children:
  1. Donald Daniel b. April 5, 1942
  2. Doris Opal b. July 27, 1944
- IV. Marie C. b. April 14, 1915; m. May 9, 1934 to Roy Johnston b. July 24, 1915. Children:
  1. Richard R. b. Dec. 22, 1934; m. June 5, 1954 to Shirley Bruning b. Jan. 2, 1935. Child: Richard Lee b. Sept. 26, 1955
  2. Janice Marie b. Dec. 21, 1939
  3. Mary Lou b. Oct. 10, 1946
- V. Glenn C. b. Dec. 15, 1922; m. June 2, 1946 to Maud Shank b. May 31, 1926. Children:
  1. Dennis Lee b. March 30, 1947
  2. Gary Glen b. July 6, 1949
  3. Peggy Kay b. Oct. 1, 1951

#### **The Rosa Schaller-Wittes Family Tree**

Rosa B. b. March 26, 1891; m. Feb. 21, 1914 to Frank J. Wittes b. April 14, 1889. Children:



- I. Lucille Marie b. March 3, 1915; m. Nov. 13, 1935 to Glenn Brehm b. Oct. 14, 1908. Child:
  1. Patsy Ann b. Sept. 1, 1936
- II. Mildred P. b. Dec. 23, 1917
- III. Betty Jane b. March 11, 1927; m. Dec. 18, 1948 to Raymond Kessler b. June 28, 1926. Children:
  1. Jeffray Norman b. Jan. 9, 1952
  2. Bradley Frank b. June 4, 1954
- IV. Margaret Ann b. Jan. 3, 1930; m. Jan. 14, 1949 to David S. Watson b. June 18, 1925. Children:
  1. Kent Norman b. March 7, 1950
  2. Theresa Rose b. March 13, 1951
  3. Paula Kay b. Jan. 16, 1954



## CHAPTER IX

### THE ROSETTA SCHALLER-ISCH BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY

JOSEPHINE JANE ISCH\*

ROSETTA, the youngest daughter of Benedict II and Rosina Schaller was born in Diessbach, Switzerland, on May 23, 1851. At the early age of six months she journeyed to the United States with her parents and family. She spent her childhood days with her family on a farm west of Perrysburg, Ohio, where they settled. She attended grade school near Buttonwood Island on the River Road west of Perrysburg, Ohio.

When Rosetta became a young woman, she was courted by John Isch, Jr., the son of Mary Zimmerman Isch and John Isch. John's father came to the United States in 1843 from Switzerland. Rosetta married John Isch, Jr. on April 13, 1875 when she was twenty-three. They made their home on a farm three quarters of a mile north of Moline, Ohio, on the Goss Road now known as East Broadway. John had purchased the farm from four of his aunts and uncles. In this home three sons were born, Frederick in 1876, Franklin in 1878 and Edwin in 1882.

John and Rosetta were active in church and civic affairs and highly respected in the community as successful farmers. John served on the local school board for 23 years and was Wood County Infirmary Director from 1889 to 1895. He also served as Lake Township trustee for three terms. With the aid of their three sons they continued to farm and also operated a threshing rig. In 1896 they started a cider mill and feed grinding mill. This enterprise continued for almost thirty-five years.

In 1900 John and Rosetta decided to travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a week of relaxation. In 1904 they retired from farming and moved to their newly constructed home across the

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\* Daughter of Arnold and Helen Whipple Isch and granddaughter of John and Rosetta Isch.



road from the old homestead. However, they remained active in civic affairs and in the Moline Evangelical Church where John's father had been a founder and lay preacher.

In 1910 John was elected Wood County Commissioner and in 1914 he was again elected to this office. Rosetta and John held the highest admiration and respect of the whole community. In 1934 John died at the age of 84. Rosetta continued to live alone in their home until her death in 1938. Both John and Rosetta are buried in Lake Township Cemetery near Walbridge, Ohio.

They had three children—Frederick, Franklin and Arnold.

### **The Frederick Isch Family**

FREDERICK, the eldest son of John and Rosetta Isch was born February 17, 1876 in the farm home north of Moline. He received his early education at the Moline school and later attended business college in Toledo, Ohio. He helped his parents on the farm and later took over his father's threshing business. Fred was twenty-three when he married Laura Herman, December 27, 1899, the oldest daughter of Samuel and Margaret Diesler Herman. Her parents had settled on a farm south of Moline on the Goss Road where they operated a sawmill. Fred and Laura, after a short wedding trip, returned to Moline where they had built a new home near the Isch homestead. In 1907 they bought the Hurlaman farm one mile north of Moline at the intersection of East Broadway and Ayers roads. They moved the house they had built to this farm. They had two sons, Arnold and Alvin, and one daughter Rosetta. Fred continued to farm and operate his threshing business with his sons. He was well known as a leader in school and civic affairs.

He served on the Lake Township Board of Education and was a Lake Township Trustee for 25 years. He was an honorary member of the Ohio Township Trustees Association, a charter member of Lake Grange, a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, and a director of the Lime City Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He continued active in these affairs until his death. Laura, who had been a good wife and mother died in September 1949. Fred continued to live in his home with his daughter Rosetta. In December 1951 Rosetta died and Fred made his home with his son Alvin in Perrysburg until his





death March 17, 1952. Fred and Laura are buried in Lake Township Cemetery.

I. *Arnold*, the eldest son of Fred and Laura was born September 10, 1900 at Moline. He attended the Lake Township Schools and spent his early years helping on the farm and with the threshing rig. In 1926 he accepted a position as a deputy sheriff of Wood County and established his residence in Bowling Green, Ohio. It was here he met Helen Whipple who was a graduate of Bowling Green State University, and working as a nurse for the county coroner. She was the daughter of Afton and Martha Lipsett Whipple. They were married in 1933 and made their home on Enterprise Street in Bowling Green. In 1934 Arnold was elected sheriff, a position which he held for 10 years. Arnold and Helen then moved to the living quarters of the jail. They have two daughters, Frances and Mary Jo.

After his third term as sheriff was completed Arnold moved his family to a farm six miles east of Bowling Green where they lived for five years. Arnold retired from politics and was employed by the International Harvester Sales and Service at Bowling Green. In 1952 Arnold again entered politics and was elected a county commissioner. In 1956 he was re-elected to this office. He and his wife are active in Masonic and OES circles. Arnold is also a Thirty-Second Degree Mason. He and his family are active in the Presbyterian Church. They now live on North Grove St., Bowling Green, Ohio.

Frances Jane, the eldest daughter of Arnold and Helen, was born in Bowling Green. She attended Bowling Green Public Schools and Bowling Green State University, graduating in 1956 with honors. She also was selected for the president's award for the outstanding woman on the campus. She spent the summer of 1955 hitch-hiking through Europe, with several friends, visiting many points of interest including Switzerland, homeland of the Schaller family. She is now an instructor in Physical Education at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa.

Mary Jo, the youngest daughter was born in Bowling Green, while the family residence was at the Wood County jail. Mary Jo has been active in girl scouting and was selected in 1956 to represent Ohio at All-States Convention at Cody, Wyoming. She is now a sophomore at Bowling Green High School.

II. *Alvin*, the second son of Fred and Laura, was born at Moline. He attended Lake Township Public Schools and graduated from Lake High School in 1920. He helped his father



on the farm and with the threshing business. In 1929 he accepted a position with the Libbey Owens Sheet Glass Company in Toledo. He was Stores Manager at the Safety Glass Plant until 1945 when he took a position as supervisor with the Hirzel Canning Company, East Toledo. For the past ten years he has been a purchasing agent for the Hettrick Mfg. Company, Toledo, Ohio.

In 1931 Alvin married Hilda Zilles, daughter of John and Louesa Hetrick Zilles, prominent farmers of Riley Township, Fremont, Ohio. Alvin and Hilda settled in Moline. In September 1932 twin daughters, Carolyn and Marilyn, were born. In 1949 Alvin and his family moved to the new home they had built in Perrysburg. He served two years on the Village Council of Perrysburg. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, Lutheran Mens League, and the National Purchasing Agents Association. Alvin and Hilda are active in St. Marks Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio and the OES, Perrysburg, Hilda was a teacher in the Lake Township Schools and is now clerk of the Perrysburg Board of Education.

In 1932 Carolyn and Marilyn, twin daughters of Alvin and Hilda were born at Moline, Ohio. They attended Lake Township Schools. In 1948 they transferred to Perrysburg High School and graduated in 1950. They entered Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, where they both majored in Home Economics, specializing in dietetics. After graduating, Carolyn entered the University of Minnesota where she completed her internship in dietetics in August 1955. She took a position as therapeutic dietitian at Grace New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. Marilyn entered Duke University, Durham, North Carolina where she completed her internship in dietetics in August 1955. She joined the staff at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, as a therapeutic dietitian and January 1, 1957 she accepted a position as head therapeutic dietician at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

III. *Rosetta*, the youngest child of Fred and Laura was born in 1910 at Moline, Ohio. She graduated from Lake Township High School in 1929. She lived with her parents on the farm and was employed as a bookkeeper by several Toledo firms including the Toledo Blade and the Owens Corning Fiberglas Company, where she was employed at the time of her death in 1951.



## The Franklin Isch Family

FRANKLIN, L. the second son of John and Rosetta, was born at Moline, September 2, 1878. He attended the Moline Public Schools and business college in Toledo, Ohio. While recuperating from a serious illness at the home of his cousin, George Moser, he met Harriet Gunder, the daughter of Ben and Eleanor Williams Gunder of Roachton, Ohio. This romance lead to their marriage on April 16, 1902.

Frank and Harriet made their home on a farm west of Moline on the Avenue Road. This farm was formerly owned by Frank's grandfather John Isch, Sr. Frank and Harriet lived in the old log house on the farm until their new home was completed. Three children were born in this home: Gladys, Naomi and Franklin, Jr. Frank was highly respected in agricultural circles as a successful farmer. With the help of his son he continued his dairy farming until his death in 1955. He is buried in Lake Township Cemetery. Harriet continues to live in the farm home with her son and his family.

I. *Gladys*, the eldest daughter of Franklin and Harriet was born in 1903. After graduating from Lake Township High School she attended Ohio Wesleyan University, Deleware, Ohio. She turned to the musical world for a career and after graduating from the Toledo Conservatory of Music in 1925 she taught vocal and instrumental music. She is an accomplished pianist and has been a leader in community and civic affairs. She is a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church. In 1927 Gladys married Henry Rudolph, son of Edson and Mary Hasemeyer Rudolph, well known dairy farmers, living south of Moline. Gladys and Henry made their home in Moline where their three daughters were born, LaVon, Darlene and Naomi.

LaVon, eldest daughter of Gladys and Henry attended Lake Township Public Schools. After graduating from high school she entered Capital University, Columbus, Ohio where she majored in music. She was a member of the Chapel Choir and traveled with them throughout the United States and Canada. After graduation from Capital University she taught several years in the Findlay and Maumee schools. In 1951 she married Elmer Miller, son of Carl and Dora Rothenbuhler Miller of Luckey, Ohio. He had served two years in the navy as a coxswain and is now employed as a salesman. Elmer and LaVon live in Moline and have a daughter Beth. LaVon and Elmer are members of St. Marks Lutheran Church and take an active



part in church work, musical affairs and young people's organizations.

Darlene, second daughter of Gladys and Henry was born at Moline, Ohio. After graduation from Lake Township High School, she entered Flower Hospital School of Nursing, Toledo, Ohio. After graduating she received her R.N. then entered Margaret Hague School of Obstetrics at Jersey City, New Jersey, for further specialization in obstetrics. After completing her work there she returned to Toledo to take a position as Assistant Supervisor of Obstetrical Nursing at Riverside Hospital. She is a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Naomi, the youngest daughter, born at Moline in 1939, is a student in Lake Township High School. She, too, is a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church.

II. *Naomi*, the second daughter of Frank and Harriet, was born at Moline and attended Lake Township Schools, graduating in 1925. Several years later a high school romance culminated in the marriage of Naomi and Francis Taylor, son of George and Grace Long Taylor, prominent automobile and livestock dealer of Moline. The young couple moved into a new home on the Taylor-Moline Stock Farm where they have continued in the cattle and farming business. They have been active in the Moline Evangelical Church and community affairs.

III. *Franklin Jr.*, only son of Frank and Harriet, was born in 1912 at Moline. He attended Lake Township Schools and after graduation he assisted his parents on the farm. In 1941 he married Charlotte Mae McElroy, daughter of Clarence and Anna Chilcote McElroy of Walbridge, Ohio. Charlotte is a graduate nurse of Maumee Valley Hospital School of Nursing. She has been a nurse in surgery in various hospitals and a school nurse in Perrysburg Public Schools. Franklin and Charlotte have made their home on the farm west of Moline with his parents. They have assisted them on the farm and have continued the business since his father's death. Franklin and Charlotte have a daughter Gretchen and son Brian.

### **The Edwin Isch Family**

EDWIN, the youngest son of John and Rosetta, was born on the Isch farm north of Moline. Ed attended the Moline School and later continued his education at a business college in Toledo, Ohio. He worked on the farm with his parents. A romance that started on a sleigh ride party was climaxed in the





marriage of Edwin and Lorinda Miller, daughter of George and Elizabeth Snyder Miller, living on Pickle Road, east of Toledo, Ohio.

After their marriage in 1904 they made their home on the Isch farm where Ed was born. Ed farmed and also operated the feed grinding and cider mill for many years. He took an active part in community affairs and has always had a keen interest in the progress and improvement of the community. Ed and Lorinda had seven children: Merl, Edna, Furman, Alton, Fern, Erma and Iva Mae. Edna and Furman died in infancy. After a long illness Lorinda died in May 1955. She is buried in Lake Township Cemetery. Ed has continued to live in the farm home.

I. *Merl*, the eldest son of Ed and Lorinda was born at Moline and graduated from Lake Township Schools. In 1933 he married Ruth Beckman, daughter of George and Dora Steensen Beckman, well known farmers of Latchie, Ohio. Merl and Ruth had made their home in East Toledo where a son Edwin was born in 1940. Merl was in the insurance business as a salesman and adjustor. Ruth died suddenly of a heart ailment on October 22, 1942 and is buried in Lake Township Cemetery. This interrupted the insurance business and Merl took a position with the Sun Oil Company, Toledo, Ohio. Several years later he married Faye Damas McConaughy, daughter of Joseph and Edna Damas. They made their home in East Toledo near Woodville Road, where Edwin is a student at Olney High School. They are active members of Zion Lutheran Church, Latchie, Ohio.

II. *Alton*, second son of Ed and Lorinda was born in 1911. After graduating from Lake Township High School he worked at the safety glass plant of Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company. In 1936 he married Linda Magargal, daughter of Thomas and Ida Royer Magargal of Toledo, Ohio. They made their home in Toledo, later moving to Moline, Ohio. Alton was also employed by the Ohio State Highway engineers for several years, then accepted a position with the Gulf Refining Company, Toledo, where he is now employed. They have three children, Sharon, Karole, and John. Sharon graduated from Lake Township High School and is now a student at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Karole and John are attending Lake Township School. Alton recently moved his family



into a new home in Moline. The family has been active in the E.U.B. Church there.

III. *Fern*, the eldest daughter of Ed and Lorinda was born on the farm at Moline. She graduated from Lake Township High School and has been employed in the offices of several Toledo firms. In 1945 she married Thomas Sass, son of William and Grace Carter Sass. Tom is a city patrolman in Toledo. They have made their home in East Toledo and have a son, James Craig. Fern is presently employed in the office of the Driggs Dairy Company, Toledo.

IV. *Erma*, second oldest daughter of Ed and Lorinda was born at Moline, January 1, 1920. Like her brothers and sisters she graduated from Lake High School. In 1941 she married Howard Failor, son of Harvey and Alvena Peters Failor of Millbury, Ohio. Howard and Erma made their home in Toledo. Howard had served in the navy and had been stationed in the Panama Canal Zone as a radar operator. Since then he has been an employee of the Standard Oil Company. They have two sons, Gary and Craig both attending the Toledo Public Schools. They are members of St. Marks Lutheran Church.

V. *Iva Mae*, youngest daughter of Ed and Lorinda was born at Moline in 1923. She graduated from Lake Township High School. She lived with her parents on the farm and was employed by the Standard Oil Company and by Lee Winters, Florists, Toledo. In 1949 Iva married John Welch, son of Lewis and Laura Welch of Galconda, Illinois. John served Uncle Sam as a sergeant and was stationed with the army in Europe. He is now employed at the Sun Oil Company Refinery in East Toledo as a pipefitter. They recently moved into a new home north of Moline on the Isch homestead.

*Rosetta Schaller Isch had 33 descendants and 17 in-laws.*



## THE ROSETTA ISCH BRANCH OF THE SCHALLER FAMILY TREE

Rosetta Schaller Isch b. May 23, 1851; d. July 28, 1938; m.  
April 13, 1875 to John Isch Jr. b. Sept. 7, 1850; d. Sept.  
16, 1934. Children: Frederick J. Franklin L., Edwin S.

### The Frederick Isch Family Tree

Frederick J. b. Feb. 17, 1876; d. March 17, 1952; m. Dec. 27,  
1899 to Laura Herman b. Sept. 16, 1874; d. Sept. 16,  
1949. Children:

- I. Arnold F. b. Sept. 10, 1900; m. March 9, 1933 to Helen  
Whipple b. Dec. 2, 1906. Children:
  1. Frances Jane b. July 19, 1934
  2. Mary Jo b. Oct. 9, 1940
- II. Alvin W. b. Jan. 8, 1903; m. Nov. 21, 1931 to Hilda Zilles  
b. May 11, 1907. Children:
  1. Marilyn Mae b. Sept. 14, 1932
  2. Carolyn Ann b. Sept. 14, 1932
- III. Rosetta W. b. Nov. 3, 1910; d. Dec. 17, 1951

### The Franklin Isch Family Tree

Franklin L. b. Sept. 2, 1878; d. Aug. 10, 1955; m. April 16,  
1902 to Harriet Gunder b. Aug. 10, 1881. Children:

- I. Gladys b. Aug. 2, 1903; m. Oct. 19, 1927 to Henry J. Ru-  
dolph b. Nov. 21, 1897. Children:
  1. La Von b. Oct. 1, 1929; m. Nov. 18, 1951 to Elmer  
Miller b. April 27, 1927. Child: Beth Diane b. Feb. 20,  
1956
  2. Darlene b. Sept. 25, 1933
  3. Naomi b. April 16, 1939
- II. Naomi b. Oct. 30, 1907; m. Oct. 30, 1928 to Francis Taylor  
b. Jan. 18, 1905
- III. Franklin Jr. b. April 6, 1912; m. Oct. 18, 1941 to Char-  
lotte Mae McElroy b. Sept. 2, 1918. Children:
  1. Gretchen Ann b. April 24, 1949
  2. Bryan Franklin b. Nov. 6, 1956



## The Edwin Isch Family Tree

Edwin S. b. Nov. 8, 1882; m. Jan. 14, 1904 to Lorinda Miller  
b. Feb. 15, 1882; d. May 9, 1955. Children:

- I. Merl John b. Dec. 10, 1904; m. May 20, 1933 to Ruth Beckman d. Oct. 22, 1942; m. Dec. 23, 1944 to Faye Damas McConaughy b. June 10, 1905. Child:
  1. Edwin b. July 13, 1940
- II. Edna b. July 20, 1906; died in infancy
- III. Furman b. Jan. 3, 1909; died in infancy
- IV. Alton Victor b. Sept. 26, 1911; m. Sept. 26, 1936 to Linda Magargal b. Nov. 25, 1912. Children:
  1. Sharon Ann b. July 15, 1937
  2. Karole Sue b. May 1, 1941
  3. John b. Dec. 10, 1945
- V. Fern L. b. Feb. 6, 1917; m. April 24, 1945 to Thomas Sass b. Nov. 10, 1918. Child:
  1. James Craig b. Dec. 1, 1947
- VI. Erma E. b. Jan. 1, 1920; m. June 7, 1941 to Howard Failor b. July 28, 1920. Children:
  1. Gary b. Aug. 30, 1946
  2. Craig b. Jan. 14, 1950
- VII. Iva Mae b. Sept. 16, 1923; m. Oct. 21, 1945 to Harlan Failor b. Feb. 26, 1923; div. April 24, 1946; m. Sept. 10, 1949 to John Welch b. Jan. 4, 1914

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